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## COMMENT OF THE DAY

### Protecting Tenants

ONE important responsibility which the Rent Control Committee assumed was to endeavour to find ways and means of both simplifying and tightening up the Landlord and Tenant Ordinance in order to make it a more effective instrument of the law, particularly in protecting the rights and welfare of tenants and sub-tenants. With some significance the report observes that "The fact of the matter is that it is not the business of any particular person or department to see that offences against the Ordinance are investigated and culprits brought to book; neither sub-tenants nor landlords are inclined to be active... and the result is that the Ordinance may be regarded virtually as a dead letter as far as the penal sections are concerned." It is a nice example of the law defeating its own ends, and if the provisions of the Ordinance are to mean more than high-flutin legal phrases, Government and the general public obviously have to do something. The point is further emphasised in another part of the report which reads: "Nevertheless we think that part of the blame for the rent situation which has arisen can be with reason laid at the door of the sub-tenant. If the sub-tenant cannot or will not make any attempt to stand up for his rights he must share the blame: if he will not help himself there is little or nothing that can be done for him." The observation tends to substantiate an impression that tenants who feel they are being exploited are more content to write complainingly to newspapers in generalised terms than to seek proper redress through the terms of the Landlord and Tenant Ordinance.

THE several recommendations which the Rent Control Committee has advanced for the purpose of trying to eradicate abuses of the Ordinance are not to be dismissed as futile simply because they are not necessarily fool-proof. They appeal as being reasonable, logical and, for the most part, practicable. The key to the particular problem, however, is the enforcement of the Ordinance whereby not only is action taken against transgressors, but who are, upon conviction, punished in a manner that will act as an effective deterrent to others. Thus one recommendation is as welcome as it is essential. It is that a special organisation be established charged with the sole duty of attending to the enforcement of the penal sections and to advise the public on their rights and obligations arising out of the Ordinance. Its existence should offer the necessary encouragement to victimised tenants to fight for their rights, and simultaneously correct the ridiculous situation where enforcement of the law is nobody's business. Government has officially indicated that it is prepared to adopt some of the committee's recommendations and to approve in principle the remainder. We believe that an injustice would be caused if the proposals to raise rents were implemented without at the same time giving effect to the proposition that the public should be fully informed as to their protective rights and responsibilities under the Ordinance and that the proper machinery be established for the full enforcement of the law governing controlled rents.

# RESUMPTION OF TRUCE TALKS

## OFFER BY UN COMMAND

### Meeting Of Liaison Officers Proposed LETTER HANDED TO THE REDS THIS MORNING

Panmunjom, Apr. 17.

The United Nations Command told the Communists today (Friday) that UN liaison officers will meet with them on Saturday or as soon thereafter as agreeable to discuss re-opening of the armistice talks.

The UN Command in a letter given the Communists at Panmunjom this morning suggested that prisoners who do not wish repatriation should be turned over to the custody of Switzerland as a neutral nation, but remain in Korea.

The letter warned that "the United Nations Command is of the opinion that unless meetings of full delegations indicate that an acceptable agreement will be reached in a reasonable time it will be advisable to recess the meetings again."

The letter, from Lt-Gen. William K. Harrison, Jr., Chief of the Allied Truce Delegation, to Gen. Nam Il, Senior Delegate for the Reds, suggested "that in the interest of practically, prisoners of war who are not directly repatriated be released to custody in Korea of the neutral state."

The letter further suggested that "after allowing a reasonable time, such as 60 days during which opportunity has been afforded by the neutral state to parties concerned to determine attitudes of individuals in its custody with regard to their status, the neutral state will make arrangements for peaceable disposition of those remaining in its custody."

Nam Il had requested that full-scale armistice talks be resumed and proposed that the question of overall prisoner exchange be settled this way:

1. That war prisoners wishing to be returned to their homelands be exchanged immediately.

2. That all other war prisoners should be turned over to a "neutral state."

The Communists did not name the neutral state they had in mind. Harrison told the Communist "it is assumed that you are prepared to accept the UN Command proposal or make a comparable constructive proposal of your own which would constitute a valid basis for resumption of meetings."

Under the UN plan, Switzerland or the neutral state agreed on would be allowed 60 days to determine the attitude of those prisoners refusing to go back to Communism and then "make arrangements for the peaceful disposition of those remaining in custody."

About 50,000 of the 132,304 prisoners held by UN forces have said they would resist repatriation to Communist soil. The Communist previous demand that they be moved by force if necessary caused complete collapse of the armistice talks last October.—Associated Press.

## Soviet Bloc Makes Another Gesture Of Conciliation

United Nations, Apr. 16.

The Soviet bloc stretched out the hand of conciliation again tonight and agreed to drop for the time being its demands for world peace on Russian terms.

The sudden concession led to what United Nations officials said was the first unanimous vote on a major issue since the organisation was born.

Together with the nations it had long opposed, the Eastern bloc gave its approval to a mildly-worded Brazilian motion noting recent events in Korea with "deep satisfaction." Sixty nations voted for, none abstained and none voted against.

Mr. C. N. Zarubin, the Soviet delegate, said the unanimous vote was "certainly helpful."

The first sign of this policy change came so suddenly and quickly that it took observers by surprise.

Mr. Krishna Menon, of India, had made a simple appeal for adoption of the Brazilian resolution.

Brazil had merely recommended the Assembly, due to adjourn on Saturday, to be ready to reconvene if the situation in Korea warranted it.

Only yesterday afternoon, Mr. Andrei Vyshinsky, leader of the Soviet delegation, spoke at length and with much satire against the Brazilian resolution. After today's debate he was seen leaving the building smiling—and clutching a copy of a speech President Eisenhower made today outlining a plan for world peace.

### BACK-SLAPPING

In the lobbies and lounges, delegates slapped backs and shook hands, brimming with goodwill.

Mr. Skrzyszewski did not go so far as to drop his demands altogether. He reserved the right to bring the resolution up again at the next Assembly. "Problems raised therein need further discussion," he said.

Mr. Menon had declared: "We have to look at the problem of Korea on the basis of the situation as it is today."

He said that after agreement on the exchange of sick and wounded prisoners in Korea, the next step was to answer a letter to General Nam Il, chief North Korean negotiator, on April 9 proposing exchange of all prisoners who wanted to go

home and transfer of the others to a neutral state.

"That is our duty to the soldiers and the people of the world. Our duty is to welcome these proposals and see that steps towards implementation be taken without loss of time," Mr. Menon said.—Reuter.

## Swinging Hook Caused Crash

London, Apr. 16.

A seven-pound hook, swinging on the end of a chain, caused London's worst-ever smash between two underground trains eight days ago, it was stated in a Government inquiry here today.

Eleven people died and 41 were injured in the crash, since attributed to the failure of a near foolproof safety device.

When the Ministry of Transport opened the inquiry into the accident today, a railway engineer, Mr. A. W. Manser, said the cause of failure had been established.

"A coupling safety chain, found hanging down on the last train to pass a signal before it failed, is believed to have swung out and smashed the head of the train stop device," Mr. Manser said.—Reuter.

### Thorez Back In France



Maurice Thorez, French Communist chief, leans on a stick and smiles at the end of his long train journey from Russia to France which he completed last week. He is pictured at St Quentin with his wife, Jeanette and (right) his son, Maurice. Thorez had spent 29 months in Russia following a paralytic stroke. — AP Photo.

## Fire Badly Damages Ship CREW RESCUED

Long Beach, Apr. 16.

The British freighter ss Menestheus, was damaged severely by fire 70 miles off the coast of Mexico today, but all the 80 crewmen were evidently rescued "without injuries", the Coast Guard announced.

The Pacific Far East Lines' freighter Navajo Victory responded to radio distress calls shortly after midnight and picked up the crewmen who had taken to lifeboats when fire swept through the ship.

At first the Navajo Victory radioed that the British ship "looks like a total loss". Hours later, however, she reported that she was attempting to take the Menestheus in tow.

That message came shortly after the rescue ship radioed that she was moving in close to investigate the possibility of salvage.

The cause of the fire, which started in the engine room, was not immediately known nor was it determined how extensively the ship or its cargo of rice was damaged.

The Menestheus first radioed for help at 12:45 a.m. EST. The call was heard by Globe Wireless in San Francisco and also by the Navajo Victory. The latter sped to help the burning vessel off the coast of Baja California.

The Navajo's first message to the Coast Guard here said that she had picked up most of the crewmen and that "no further assistance" was needed.

At that time about 20 men, including the captain of the Menestheus still were in a lifeboat.—United Press.

## BOAC PLANE DUMPS FUEL

Manila, Apr. 16.

A BOAC airliner left Manila this morning for Hongkong, dumping 1,000 gallons of fuel when one of its engines developed engine trouble and limped back here after only a half hour's flight.

The pilot, Captain J. D. Gribben feared that owing to the airliner's heavy load it might not be able to reach Hongkong.—Reuter.

## Nationalist Party Wins

Johannesburg, Apr. 16.

The Nationalist Party today won 80 seats and thus wins the election.

State of the parties in the South African election at 9:45 p.m., South African time today was:

United Party 55

eighteen unopposed.

Nationalists 74 (two unopposed).

Labour party 4.

Natives' representatives 3.

Twenty-three results were still outstanding. One will be declared after a bye-election because of the death of a candidate.—Reuter.

## Wants Banned Exports List Revised

London, Apr. 16.

Mr. Harold Wilson, former Labour President of the Board of Trade, tonight urged revision of the list of strategic goods that must not be exported to Communist countries.

"If and when the fighting stops in Korea, the Government should be ready to dismantle a large part of our strategic controls," he said in a House of Commons debate on the budget.

The Government was doing the wrong thing at the wrong time in choosing this moment to tighten up the blockade of China.

He criticised the Chancellor of the Exchequer for being "too optimistic" in his budget about the economic position.

Britain was dependent on a record United States boom. If that ended, as most people expected it would one day, they knew from experience that dollar earnings from sterling would collapse in a matter of weeks.

If that happened the whole economic policy of the Government would collapse with it. The Government had failed to provide for any change in the economic climate.—Reuter.

## AMERICAN PROPERTY ATTACKED BY MOBS

Washington, Apr. 16.

The State Department announced on Thursday that mobs have attacked American government offices and American homes in the city of Shiraz, but no Americans are known to have been killed or injured.

Shiraz, a city of 50,000 people, is in south Central Iran, 500 miles from Teheran.

The announcement said: "The State Department announced that irresponsible Iranian mobs broke into Point Four offices at Shiraz on Wednesday destroying furniture etc."

"This morning the mobs attacked American homes in the same city but it is officially reported no Americans are known to be killed or injured."

"The American Ambassador has made the most energetic protestations to Prime Minister Mossadegh who expressed deep regret and assured maximum protection to all Americans in the area."

"So far the State Department knows there are 12 American men, 11 women and 15 children in Shiraz. Shiraz is the centre of an Iranian agricultural area."

The Point Four Programme was started by former President Truman to aid underdeveloped areas by a loan of American experts and money to encourage self-development.—Associated Press.

### MARTIAL LAW

Teheran, Apr. 16.

The Government today imposed martial law in Shiraz, South Persia, after an attack by demonstrators on American "Point Four" aid offices and homes there.

The demonstrators stoned the American homes and offices and destroyed "Point Four" office files.

Earlier reports today said crowds also attacked the headquarters yesterday.—Reuter.

## Eisenhower Has Food Poisoning

Saltisbury, Apr. 16.

President Eisenhower had a slight attack of food poisoning today, according to his Press Secretary, Mr. James Hagerty.

Mr. Hagerty told reporters of the food poisoning as the President started to speak at the 200th anniversary of North Carolina's Rowan county.—Reuter.



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# East Germany Pressing On With Development Of Armed Forces

## 12-DIVISION ARMY BELIEVED PLANNED

Bonn, Apr. 16.  
The United States High Commission said here today that the development and training of East German armed forces was continuing without interruption despite the "conspicuous silence" of East German press and radio on the subject for several months.

"Of the 120,000 actually under arms (in East Germany), 5,000 are in the Soviet zone air force and 5,000 in the embryo navy."

"The remaining 110,000 are members of the ground forces, the so-called Peoples Police in barracks," the High Commission's statement claimed.

"The forces in being include 3,600 men each, located at various points in the Soviet zone. It is expected that they will be formed into additional divisions under an army group centre, with headquarters in Erfurt, and an army group south with headquarters in Dresden."

"These forces, comprising about 60,000 men, are organized as an army group north and commanded by Major-General Hermann Kentzson. Headquarters are at Passau."

"The remaining army personnel are organized in 17 non-integrated units of about 3,600 men each, located at various points in the Soviet zone."

"It is known that primary training in Soviet propeller-driven aircraft and ground school courses are being conducted under Soviet supervision."

"Although the construction of naval vessels has lagged behind the supply of heavy equipment to the army, six minelayer sweepers, six torpedo boats, 10 coast guard ships, 12 patrol boats, one destroyer of 1,200 tons and one submarine (1,000 tons) for the so-called ice police are now in construction in Baltic shipyards, or planned."

"The Soviet zone Interior Ministry is actually a functioning, de facto Defence Ministry. Under Minister of the Interior Willi Stoph, a combined military staff with representatives of air, naval and ground forces exists, presided over by General Vincenz Mueller."

"Long-range plans. Although recruiting is still nominally voluntary, special recruiting teams, composed of military and civilian officials, have been using various forms of social and economic pressure to increase enlistments, and recruiting offices have been established in each of the 14 districts (Bezirk) of the Soviet zone in preparation for a long anticipated draft law."

"United States officials point out that all the information available indicates long-range plans for a steady build-up of strong air, land and naval forces in the Soviet zone."

"The organization of the present armed forces does not in any way indicate that they will remain at present strength. On the contrary, everything points to the intention to use them as the core of an army of at least ten to 12 divisions, with a correspondingly strong air force and navy."—Reuter.

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## Wants Marshall Testimony

### Inquiry Into Korea Shortages

Washington, Apr. 16.  
Senator Robert Hendrickson said today that the Senate sub-Committee investigating ammunition shortages should call the former Defence Secretary, General George Marshall, to explain an order he issued early in the Korean war.

The New Jersey Republican, a member of the sub-Committee, made the statement as the group called Lt. Gen. W. B. Palmer, assistant Army Chief of Staff for supply, to testify this afternoon.

Senator Hendrickson referred to General Marshall's "statement of assumptions" sent to the three Services in September 1950.

The document, presented to the sub-Committee yesterday, laid out the "guideline" that the Korean war should be over by June 1951.

Thereafter, according to the testimony of Lt. Gen. George Decker, Army Controller, each military budget was planned on the basis that the war would have ended and the Services were advised to restrict their requests for Korea to replacements.

Should be asked. The practice of planning the budget on the basis of a full year of peace has been abandoned by the Defence Secretary, Mr. Charles Wilson, in spending plans for the year which begins in July, General Decker said.

Senator Hendrickson said General Marshall should be asked to explain how he arrived at the mistaken "assumption" that the war was near an end.

The Senate committee chairman, Senator Margaret Chase Smith (Republican, Maine), said the Pentagon already had been asked to supply all correspondence and directives bearing on the 1950 order. She said General Decker's testimony might open "a new phase of the inquiry."

She disclosed that she hoped the hearings could be completed and the sub-Committee get down to recommendations in about 10 days.

Senator Harry Byrd (Democrat, Virginia) also criticised the Pentagon's wrong guess that the war would be over by the middle of 1951. He said there was "no doubt that the idea retarded procurement of ammunition and other items."—United Press.

Journalists' Tour. The Hague, Apr. 16.  
Five journalists from Pakistan arrived here today for a three-week stay in the invitation of the Dutch Foreign Ministry and the Netherlands Federation of Journalists.—Reuter.

## Cloud Snatcher Menace

Canberra, Apr. 16.  
After "hot wars" and "cold wars" science has now produced the "weather war," according to an Australian Member of Parliament.

Mr. Michael Keon, Labour Party member, asked in the House of Representatives for a joint national commission to control cloud snatchers and ensure that artificially-produced rain is equally divided among Australian states.

He said that farmers with superior scientific equipment might be able to draw rain away from neighbouring property in favour of their own.

The idea was rejected.—Reuter.

## Thailand Not To Stabilise Rice Price

Bangkok, Apr. 16.  
The Thai Government will not make any attempt to stabilise prices for rice in the free market, the Minister for Economic Affairs, Colonel Vorakarn Pancha, said.

Commenting on a report from Singapore that representatives at the International Rice Conference will try to persuade Thailand to fix stable prices for various grades of free rice, the Minister said:

"It is to Thailand's interest to let prices fluctuate with the demand and supply situation."

Free market rice is rice which is sold outside government-to-government contracts on previously agreed price levels.

The Minister added that Thailand is at present importing goods at high prices.

He said that if countries which export to Thailand would stabilise prices of goods bought by Thailand, then the Thai Government could afford to bring down the price of rice to levels considered "stable."

Col Vorakarn said he wondered why consumer countries had not asked Burma to stabilise "free rice prices."

Burma now sells non-government-to-government rice on a bidding basis with rice going to the highest bidder.—United Press.

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## Appeals For An End To "Ballyhoo"

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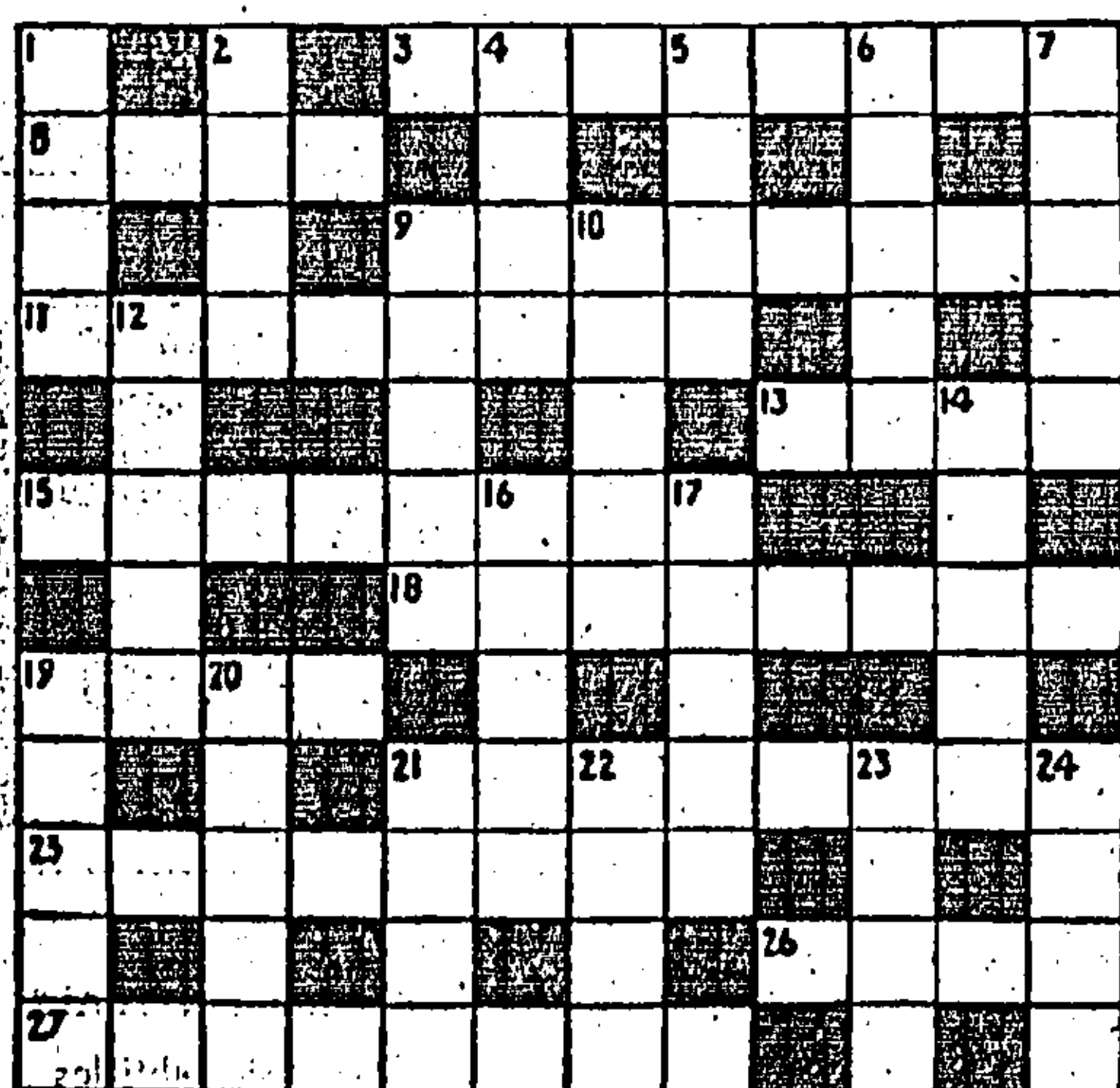
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- ACROSS
3. Taking as one's own (8).
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  9. Telephone worker (8).
  11. Contrite (6).
  12. Weapons (4).
  10. Exhausts (8).
  10. Smelling strongly of (8).
  10. Wound (4).
  21. Measuring compasses (8).
  22. Took the chair (8).
  23. Relate (4).
  27. Withdrew (8).
- DOWN
1. Seize (4).
  2. Fluff (4).
  4. Drug (4).
  5. Sauce (4).
  6. Bury (5).
  7. Clothes (5).
  9. Animal (5).
  10. Finished (5).
  12. Throw out (5).
  14. Pit worker (8).
  17. Substantial (8).
  19. Minor actor (8).
  20. Watchful (8).
  21. Terrible (4).
  22. Undergarment (4).
  23. Balanced (4).
  24. Condemned (4).

YESTERDAY'S CROSSWORD—Across: 1. Crisis, 4. Right, 7. Expanding, 8. Arena, 9. Pistol, 11. Emerald, 13. Precious, 15. Lament, 18. Matter, 19. Animates, 20. Lash, 21. Grease, 22. Down, 23. Crop, 24. Stout, 25. Stilled, 26. Regale, 27. Generate, 28. Demand, 29. Shelter, 30. Making, 31. Rejoice, 32. Charge, 33. Tease, 34. Tapir.

# BRITAIN TO STAY ARMED

No Reduction Until Threat Of War Removed

## Air Minister's Expression Of Government Views

London, Apr. 16.

Britain will stay armed until the threat of war has gone, Lord De L'Isle and Dudley, Minister for Air, told the House of Lords today. "Even if there has been slight thaw in international relations, we must regard not so much words as deeds," he said. He was winding up a two-day debate on defence.

Peace was not to be purchased by acquiescence or submission, he added.

"The one way to ensure a short war would be to lose the first round," he said.

"We mean to survive that first fierce clash and we must see that the initiative does not remain with the aggressors, for the power to strike back is an essential of defence."

He said air transport might well to a large extent displace sea transport for carrying troops

to the Far East if the great new machines coming into operation were used.

But he emphasised that some of these planes cost as much as £1,000,000. At the moment sea transport was more economical.

Lord Eatenham, First Lord of the Admiralty in the last Labour Government, asked why Britain had such a large force in the Middle East.

### VITAL NECESSITY

Was it for prestige reasons or to exercise some influence? If that was so it was a false argument, he said.

"I think the Army would like to bring the men back," he added.

Lord De L'Isle and Dudley said the Government did not keep troops in the Canal Zone for prestige purposes.

Strategic administrative and local security tasks made the numbers now there vitally necessary.

"In the Government's view we cannot sacrifice obligations without putting at grave risk the livelihood of the 50,000,000 people in these islands," he said.

### NATO'S GOAL

Paris, Apr. 16.

Mr. Jean Van Vredenburg, Dutch Deputy Secretary-General of the North Atlantic Council, declared today that the aim goal for NATO's forces in 1953 would be above that of 1952 in quantity, but above all in quality.

With the Secretary-General, Lord Ismay, he was addressing a Press conference on questions to be discussed at next week's NATO annual review meeting.

Lord Ismay pointed out that while the agenda of the three-day conference was not yet definite, the main item would be the NATO annual review establishing the 1953 target and provisional targets for 1954.

This review, carried over from the last Ministerial meeting in December, was expected to show that NATO was not only stepping up the number of men under arms, but increasing their efficiency and their fighting capabilities.

Lord Ismay said another vital item would be a political exchange of views and, in particular, discussion of the tactical evolution of Soviet policy towards the NATO countries.

### ONLY ONE HORSE

Other agenda items would be infrastructure, Lord Ismay's report on administrative matters and any other matters that might arise.

Lord Ismay made a brief reference to civil defence, saying that it had been making progress and he would issue a statement on it soon.

He also hoped the question of long-term defence planning, on a three-year or longer basis, would be discussed by the Ministers.

He was certain the European army projects would come up during the meeting and told a questioner he could think of no alternative to the proposed European Defence Community.

"We have only got one horse in this race and that is the one we are backing," he added.

### Trip By Chaplin

Geneva, Apr. 16.

Mr. Charles Chaplin, who last Friday landed in his United States entry permit in the American Consulate here, will leave Geneva tomorrow by air for London.

—Reuter.

## Japan Says She Wants To Help Asia

Colombo, Apr. 16.

Japan is willing to co-operate with Asian countries in developing their industrial and agricultural economies and thus raise general living standards, it was disclosed here today.

In an appeal by the Tokyo Chamber of Commerce to the Ceylon Chamber of Commerce and other organisations in the Far East the Tokyo Chamber emphasised Japan's willingness to furnish technical aid and establish research institutes covering a wide range of scientific subjects to assist in the overall development programme.

Japan, the letter said, would help the cultivation of rice in this manner and would establish model farms wherever required.

The Tokyo Chamber urged Asian nations to conclude treaties with Japan and to remove restrictions in the interest of international trade.

—United Press.

## Nazi Mass Slaughter Recalled

Bremen, Apr. 16.

A former Nazi concentration commander, accused of the wartime slaughter of thousands of Jews, broke in tears today after a prosecution witness testified he ordered the shooting of Jewish children.

Fritz Hiltebrand, ex-Lieutenant in the SS, is charged with being responsible for the mass killing of Jewish inmates in the camps of Drobobycz and Barislaw which he commanded between February, 1942 and 1943.

Sirs Adèle Holzmann, 34, of Tel-Aviv, told the court that Hiltebrand ordered the rounding up of about 25 children, between eight and 10 years old, who were working in the Barislaw camp's brickyard in summer 1943.

She said the children were heavily beaten and wept because they suspected that they would be killed.

"One little girl, whose mother was shot to death a little earlier, took off her coat and gave it to her father," Mrs. Holzmann said.

"She told him: 'Take the coat, maybe you can exchange it for some bread. I am going to join mother.'"

Hiltebrand has denied all charges except saying he gave the order for the execution of two Jewish men who were found in illegal possession of arms and ammunition.

—Associated Press.

## Trade Talks With East

Geneva, Apr. 16.

Representatives of 25 East and West European nations today began making statements on the specific items which they wish to import and export in an expansion of East-West trade.

These statements, expected to take the 80 experts two days to complete, are being made at the conference on East-West trade organised by the United Nations Economic Commission for Europe.

The talks are being held in secret, but it is understood the principal commodities under discussion are steel, coal, timber and grains.

The next stage in the talks will be for the experts to split up into groups and discuss bilateral and three-way exchanges.

—Reuter.

## TO PRESENT CREDENTIALS

Moscow, Apr. 16.

Charles Bohlen, new U.S. Ambassador to Russia, will present his credentials on Monday to Marshal Klement Voroshilov, Chairman of the Presidium of the Supreme Soviet.

The Kremlin ceremony will give the envoy full diplomatic status.

Arrangements for the presentation were made following Mr. Bohlen's brief call today on Soviet Foreign Minister V. M. Molotov.

U.S. Embassy spokesmen said that visit was a protocol interview in connection with the credentials ceremony.

(Marshal Voroshilov is the figurehead "President" of the Soviet government).—Associated Press.

## Akihito In Ontario

Port William, Apr. 16.

Crown Prince Akihito of Japan stopped here for 20 minutes and was presented with an inscribed fountain pen by more than 100 Ontario Japanese-Canadians who turned out in freezing temperatures to see him.

The young Prince arrived by train shortly after dawn. He smiled at the crowd gathered on the station platform.

Officers of the Lakehead Nisei Club, a Japanese-Canadian organisation, made the presentation. Members of the Prince's party accepted the gift on his behalf.

The Prince is visiting Canada on his way to the Coronation. The Prince himself appeared about five minutes before the train left. This was a surprise as the city had heard yesterday that he would not appear because of the early hour.

—Reuter.

## Famine Menace In Pakistan

Washington, Apr. 16.

Senator Hubert Humphrey (Democrat, Minnesota) today appealed to high Government officials to "explore every possibility" of using United States surplus wheat to fight famine in Pakistan.

Senator Humphrey said he had sent letters to the Secretary of State, Mr. John Foster Dulles, and the Director of the Mutual Security Administration, Mr. Harold Stassen, proposing "urgent action".

—Reuter.

## Marines To Take Part In Atomic Test "Within Minimum Margin Of Safety"

Las Vegas, Nevada, Apr. 16.

A fleet of transport helicopters will unload a special brigade of Marines "as close as possible" to the next atomic blast at Yucca Flat, expected on Saturday.

The Atomic Energy Commission announced yesterday that 40 Marine Sikorsky transport helicopters will move 2,000 men to within "the minimum margin of safety" of the impending blast.

The AEC could not divulge the date of the Marine test, the sixth in the current series at the atomic proving grounds 90 miles north-west of here.

However, observers said that the blast probably would come on Saturday because the last atomic detonation was on a Saturday. It takes a week to prepare the Yucca Flat area for an atomic blast.

The AEC said that the Marines, after being unloaded by the helicopters, would proceed on foot in a mock "atomic mop-up squad exercise". This would be as close as they would dare go toward "Ground Zero."

The blast will be directed against the theoretical enemy troops. The Marines will be equipped with a device to measure radioactivity and as soon as the

encounter a dangerous amount of radioactivity they will withdraw.

The AEC said that the Marines would be "acutely equipped" but did not elaborate.

The Marines, normally carry eight troops and a crew of two in addition to handling light combat vehicles and small calibre field weapons.

The Marine troops began arriving from Camp Desert Rock on the proving grounds last Friday and reached full brigade strength yesterday. The helicopter came from both coasts.

The AEC forecast the impending blast as the "third phase" of Desert Rock V.

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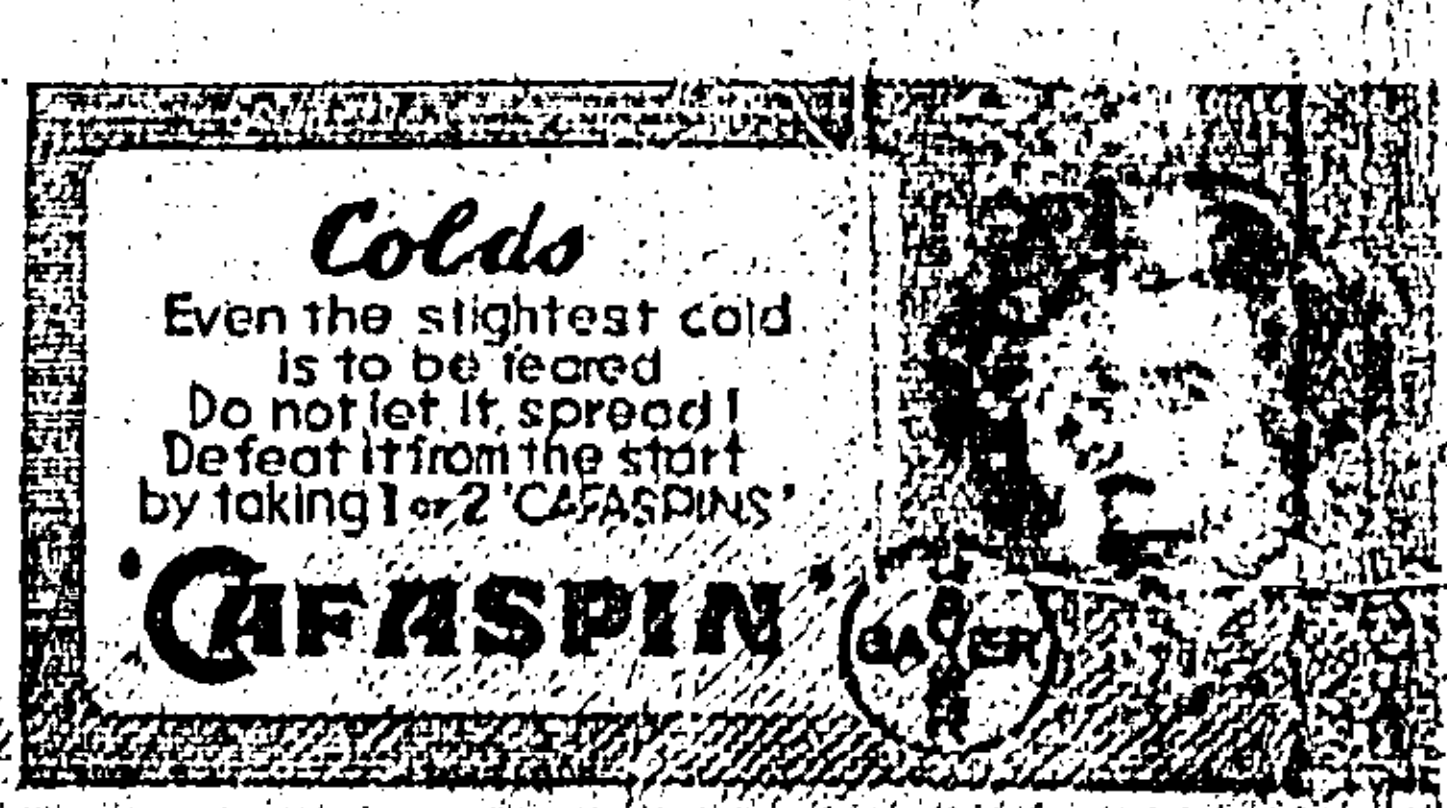
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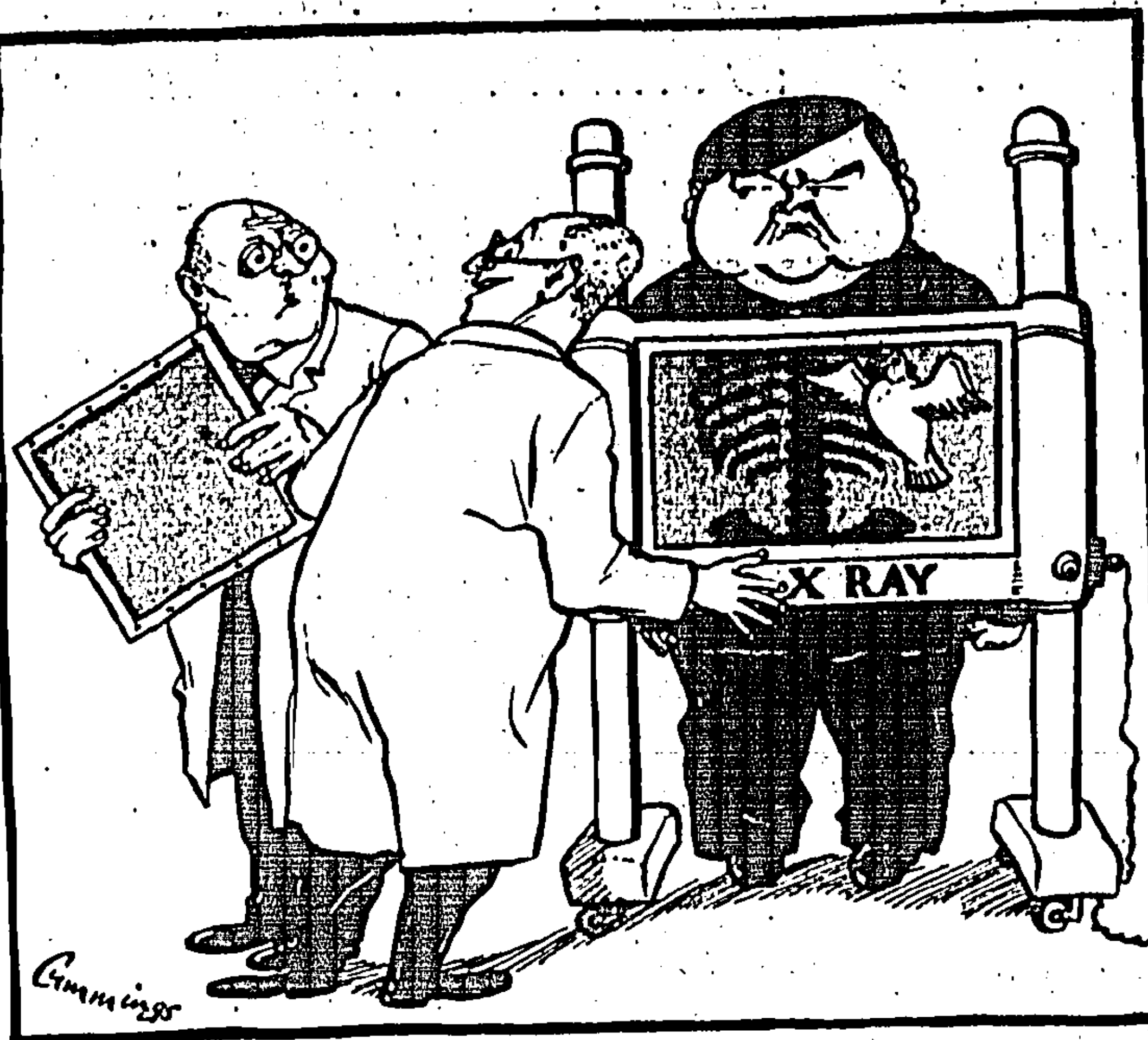
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## WHY 200,000 FLED FROM GERMANY'S SOVIET ZONE

By Evelyn Anderson

**M**ORE than two hundred thousand people have fled from the Soviet zone of Germany within the past twelve months. Before the zonal border was sealed off, about 8,000 refugees arrived each month in the West. But towards the end of May 1952, a "dead zone" was established along the whole border which separates Eastern Germany from the West, so that only the Berlin "gap" remained as a possible escape route.

The immediate consequence was a sharp increase in the number of refugees. The monthly figures jumped to about 10,000 and remained at that level until the end of the year. Then it was rumoured that the Berlin gap, too, was to be closed. Preparations were made for the erection of barriers on the roads and railway lines leading into Berlin. Technically, the Eastern zone could now be fully sealed off at a moment's notice. Only the order remained to be given.

Reactions were immediate. In January, the number of refugees arriving in West Berlin increased to 25,000. In the short month of February their number jumped to 41,000.

### Who Are They?

**W**HO are these refugees and why do they come? An East German newspaper, which I read in Berlin, described them as a bunch of capitalist speculators and exploiters, spies and kulaks, criminals and profiteers. I recalled that description as I approached the bleak, grimy building—a war-damaged, scantily repaired former factory—which now serves as one of Berlin's 75 emergency camps for East German refugees.

The camp lies near the old Criminal Court, in one of the worst-bombed parts of the city, amidst vast stretches of desolate ruins and rubble heaps. It is run by a tiny staff of Red Cross sisters and helpers. This camp, like the others, is badly overcrowded. There is a shortage of nearly everything—food, drugs and bandages to chairs and tables. Many of the refugees are ill without beds, sleeping on thin, straw-filled mattresses on concrete floors.

In one of the dormitories, where about 150 women and

children sleep at night, bunks had just arrived when I paid my visit. Everyone stood around, excitedly watching the bunks being put up in two or three tiers, one of the first visible signs of progress.

There were "common rooms," too, on each floor of the building, but as they were so young, even a single stick of furniture, most of the people spent their days as well as their nights, huddled together on the bunks or pallets of the dormitories. Only once in a while they would venture out into the ankle-deep slush of the courtyard for a breath of fresh air, an increment of blessed loneliness or a puff or two from a cigarette, economically divided into two or even three pieces.

### Shabbily Clothed

**A**PART from the bunks or pallets, the blankets, plate, spoon, fork and knife, with which everyone is issued on entering the camp, there was nothing they could either individually or jointly call their own. Most of them had arrived with nothing but the clothes they were wearing. Only that they could avoid the suspicion of the police—that the suspicion to Berlin was more than a day's excursion. Even a small suitcase might have made the traveller too conspicuous.

Without exception, they were shabbily clothed and shod. Their suits and dresses were made of thin, off-the-rag-trade material, and so far as I could see, hardly any of the men seemed to have an overcoat. Underwear was hanging up for drying on long lines fixed across the hall. Most of the pieces looked old and thin, many of them mended over and over again.

Some of the people were sitting or lying with their blankets wrapped around them waiting for their only set of underwear to dry. A few of them talked together. Some women were darning. But most of them seemed to do nothing, staring vacantly into the air, waiting until it was time to report to one of the many authorities they must visit or take a turn at potato peeling or camp cleaning. Not one of them was reading. They neither had books nor newspapers.

### Cross-section

**I**F these were the "kulaks," the "exploiters" and "profiteers," I wondered what other people in Eastern Germany must look like. But in fact, as I was soon to learn, they were people from all walks of life, workers and artisans, poor peasants and wealthy farmers, civil servants and small businessmen, teachers and students, doctors, artists, and soldiers. They had come from every district of the zone, men and women, young and old and middle-aged—the statistician's dream of a true cross-section of the population.

A pleasant and intelligent-looking young farmer, with a neatly dressed wife and a pretty little girl of about five, invited me to sit down with them, on their bunk. He apologised for being unable to offer me a more comfortable seat. The little girl tried vainly to make a scratchy piece of paper become like a rubber ball. The woman smiled and said: "Maybe, one day soon, we can buy her a real ball."

They were among the comparatively fortunate. They had already completed the many tedious formalities. They had gained their official recognition, as bona fide refugees and were

evicted seats on a plane to take them West—and they hoped to a new chance to earn their living.

The man was a seasoned refugee, a Holmatvertrieber (person driven from his homeland) as the exiles from the former German territories east of the Oder-Neisse line are officially called. He had started as an agricultural labourer in East Prussia. When he had to leave there, he trekked to Mecklenburg and settled in a small village near Parchim.

There his most cherished dream came true. Thanks to the postwar land reform he was given a small piece of land of his own and some livestock. He worked hard and, at first, successfully. Then he had a series of mishaps. Some of his pigs died. That meant he would be unable to fulfil his delivery quota of meat. Delivery quotas, he explained, are fixed for every area, every village and every farm. They are fixed well in advance of the harvest and must be fulfilled, whether the harvest is good or bad and irrespective of any accidents that may occur.

### Second Mishap

**B**y an ingenious series of exchanges with neighbours, he managed for a time to "cover up" for the loss of his pigs. But then a second mishap occurred. One of his cows got ill and had to be slaughtered. That meant he would be unable to fulfil his delivery quota of milk. This time his neighbour could help. "We just had no choice. We had to clear out."

He smiled indulgently at my question whether he could not have proved that none of these accidents was his fault. "Over there, accidents don't happen. We either do as we are told or we are saboteurs. We could not possibly risk staying in the circumstances."

He showed me a cutting from a Communist newspaper, which he carried in his wallet. It was dated January 10, and dealt with the need for sharper vigilance in the countryside. A paragraph, which I copied, read: "Numerous cases of sabotage, including the damaging of farm machinery, the poisoning of cattle, the firing of barns and haystacks, the disorganisation of transport and consumer supplies."

"Despite all this evidence," the article continued, "there are still blind and deaf citizens, even among the personnel of the Government and Security Services, who indulge in 'objectivity,' who keep on looking for 'natural' causes—lightning, faulty wiring or an outbreak of disease..." They accept that with this attitude they aid and abet the enemies of Socialism, and they seem most astonished when they are afterwards called to account as accessories after the crime."

### Sudden Arrest

**"Y**OU see what I mean?" the farmer asked me as he returned the cutting to my wallet. He then told me of another village, not far from where he used to live. There, they had tried to set up a "voluntary" collective farm, but none of the peasants would come in. After all, persuasion had failed, one of them was being only waiting for them suddenly arrested and indicted

## YES—FOR THE ABBEY, BUT WHAT OF ASCOT?

**M**R S FLEUR COWLES, who will be one of President Dwight Eisenhower's personal representatives in the Abbey for the Coronation Service, has been married twice.

It is to be hoped, therefore, that she does not plan to stay on for Ascot, since this might lead to embarrassment. (The Royal Enclosure still remains adamant about forbidding its lawn to divorced persons.) Eisenhower could scarcely have nominated a more strong-contrasting team for the Abbey. Its other members are General George Catlett ("The Plan") Marshall, General Omar Bradley, and Governor Earl Warren, of California.

Mrs Cowles and her handsome, florid Governor Warren are dynamic, colorful, and storming talkers. The two generals are grey, taciturn, reserved. The lady and the governor will be able to turn to each other for sprightly small talk whenever they are in danger of

being overcome by the feeling that they are under close military escort. A polite communication reaches me from a London domestic agency saying that "very special efforts are being made to meet your increased requirements in the way of staff for hospitality and

entertaining in this Coronation Year."

Rather unexpectedly, the note is signed by an ex-air commodore of the RAF. One can imagine him issuing instructions to his well-trained gillies—"And remember, never prang the clockwork."

One part of Europe which year enlarged allowance will enable you to reach comfortably and enjoy when you get there is the Dalmatian coast. The Yugoslavs are agog for plenty of British visitors this summer.

### R.M. MacColl's COLUMN

They are very hospitable, prices on the whole are moderate, and—in the wake of Tito's visit to Britain—an atmosphere of great cordiality will certainly reign.

The chorus of righteous pledges from Continental hotel-keepers that nothing is further from their minds than the notion of raising charges (now that Britons will have more spending money) has for me an unconvincing ring. Maybe they really mean it. Maybe the various national hotel associations really will clamp down. But I would have said that for the run-of-the-mill Continental hotelier to resist this temptation would be about the same thing as expecting a rabbit to look after a juicy piece of lettuce for you over the week-end.

As Leslie Henson remarked on TV not long ago: "It's not Sir Gerald Kelly likely."

### 'MALVINAS'

**R**ENEWED trouble over conflicting claims to those various Antarctic islands remains me of a minor misunderstanding when I was in Buenos Aires two years back. I was strolling through the streets of the capital with an Argentinian acquaintance, when I became aware that groups of youths kept chanting something about "Malvinas."

Finally I said: "This Malvinas seems to be a very popular girl around here." My friend looked embarrassed. "Well," he said, "the fact is that these people spot you as an Englishman and they are making a small political demonstration. You see, Malvinas is our name for the Falkland Islands."

### NO CHARGE?

**T**HE other day, on the Great West Road, my engine developed neurotic symptoms, which seemed to threaten total collapse. I got the car into a wayside garage. Three minutes' search produced the trouble-loose wheel.

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### DON'T WORRY

**Q**UEEN MARY could always temper her classic poise with a kindly humour. Years ago, as a cub reporter, I was covering an East End hostel opening.

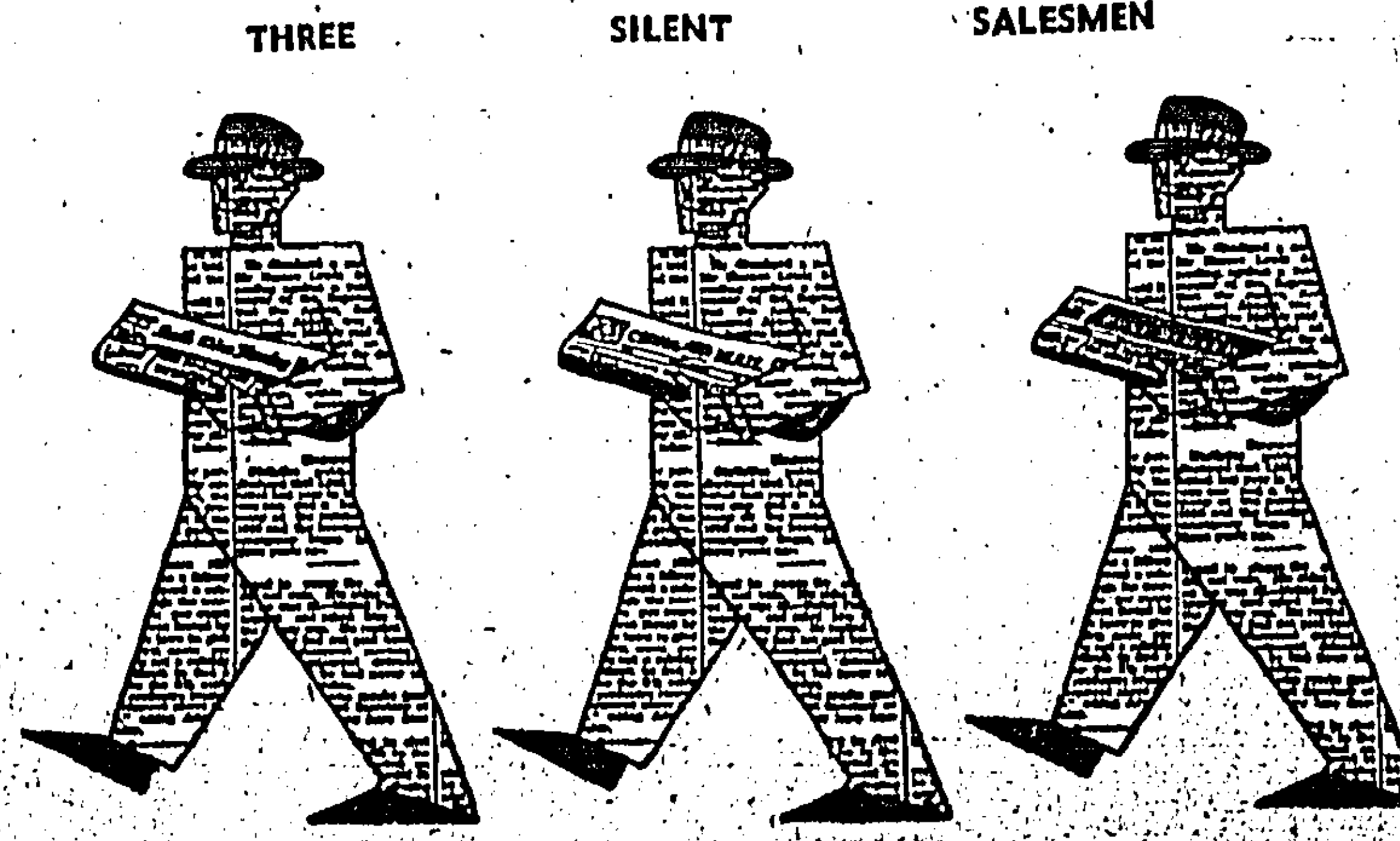
Among those on the platform was a church dignitary who, owing to a disability, had to sit in a wheelchair. As the Queen rose to leave the narrow platform, the ceremony's end he started clumsily to try to get the leg out of her way.

Queen Mary halted the clerical struggles with a twinkling. "Don't worry, dear—I shall not fall over it."

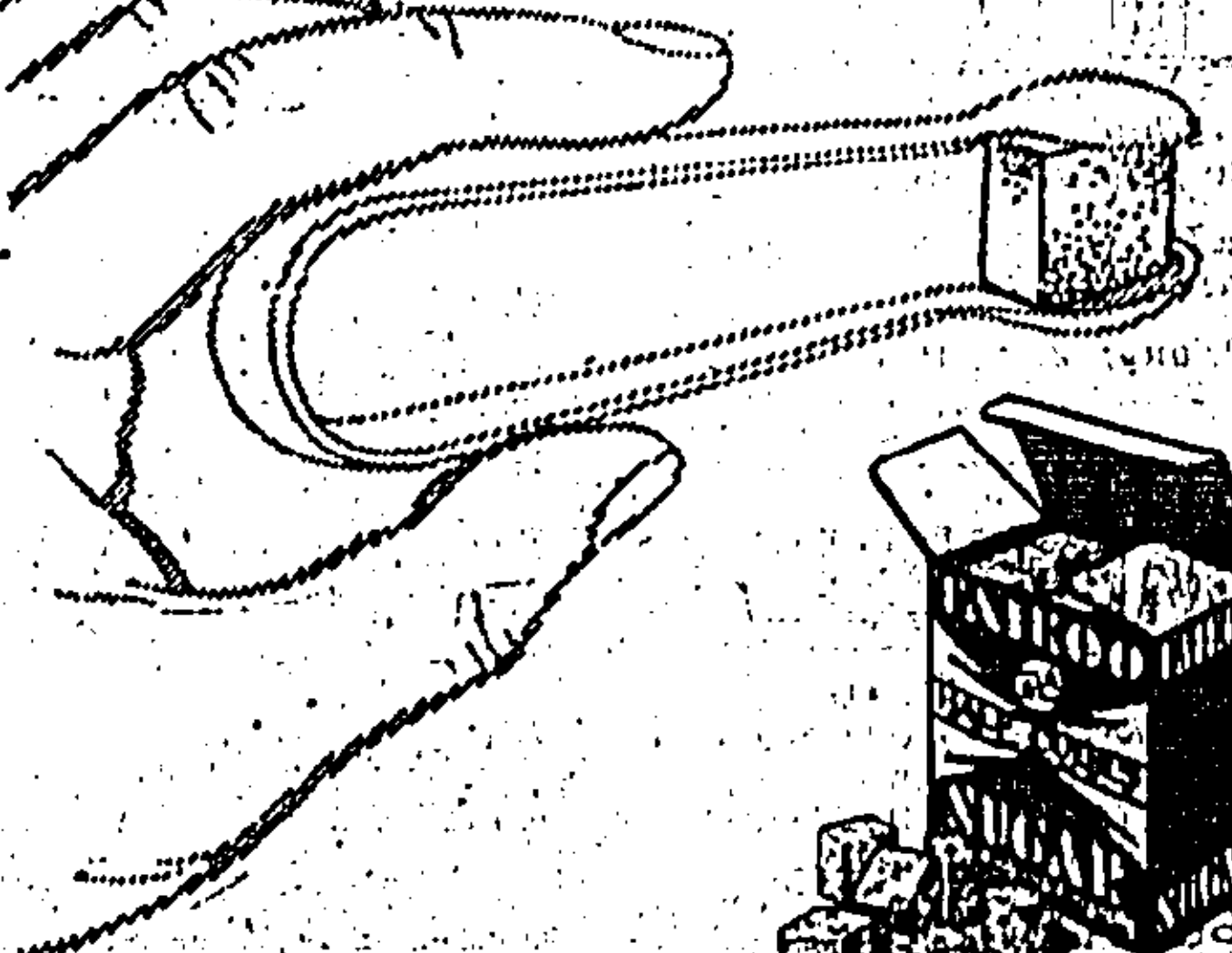
### THEY CAN'T READ

**I**N Kew Gardens a young Frenchman pauses to read a notice which begins: "NO BIRD-NESTING." Glancing up at the many nests visible in nearby trees, he remarks: "Manifestly ignored. See—they nest on all sides."

(London Express Service)

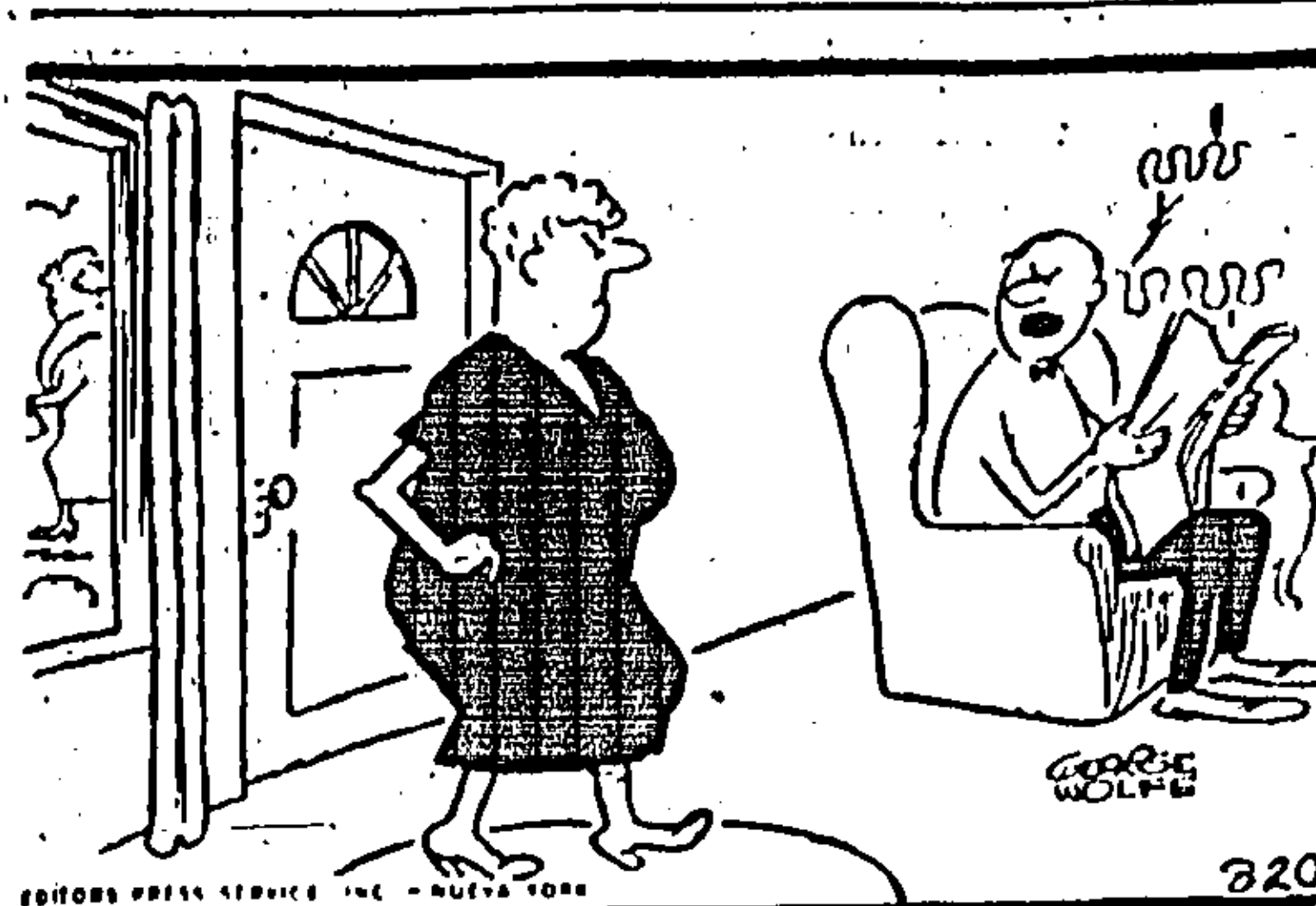


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## • BY • THE • WAY • by Beachcomber

THE difficulty of manipulating the trousercoat led to the overtrouser. This garment consisted of very long trousers, widening at the waist, and buttoning round the neck like a shirt.

It was in one piece, with no sleeves, and was based on the idea of a pair of long trousers culminating in an overcoat. The overtrouser was a double-breasted affair with two rows of buttons at the chest, and a big flap falling from the collar to the waist. The overtrouser was a double-breasted affair with two rows of buttons at the chest, and a big flap falling from the collar to the waist. The overtrouser was a double-breasted affair with two rows of buttons at the chest, and a big flap falling from the collar to the waist.

I always think it is so important to keep the shape. A combination of the overtrouser and the trousercoat was found to end in an overtrouser, as the Marquis de l'Étoile de Foie de Morue laughingly said when he tried to open a bottle of Rousseau-Gogla with a telescope at Voltaire's.

Minnie kissed by Mayor

FROM usually ill-informed quarters comes a report that the Mayor of Spodbury has made a little clockwork squirrel.

## YOUR BIRTHDAY... By STELLA

FRIDAY, APRIL 17

BORN today, you have one of those restless, over-energetic minds which is always searching for something new and exciting. If you can't find it in your immediate environment, you will seek the wide world over until you do. You enjoy knowledge, and you like to have that knowledge bring you power and money, as well. In fact, you're apt to learn that money often is power, so you concentrate on money, first, expecting the rest to follow quite automatically.

Unless you are careful, you may let the materialistic side of your nature overshadow the intellectual and artistic. This would be a pity, for the stars have given you natural talents in the arts which it would be foolish for you to use. Even if you do not enter the arts professionally, you should cultivate one as a hobby. Before it is too late, do something else, and this will, in some

degree, satisfy your desire for the fine things in life. Music will always bring you lasting joy.

You women are affectionate and busy-loving. You will be happy if you can find a man who will be your family. You are fond of children. This year you will be a teacher, and will make a fine mother. You may have a hankering for children's games. He further revealed my seaside buckets are taken, but not seaside spades. The buckets are toys and the spades are agricultural implements. What is a gun about? Is a doll's Tommy subject to test? Is a doll's elephant's hat a hat? And what is the fate on the toy not carried by a little clockwork squirrel?

SATURDAY, APRIL 18

ARIES (Mar. 21-Apr. 20) — This can be an especially pleasant evening. Plan to have a fine time. You will find that the rewards are really worth it.

Taurus (Apr. 21-May 21) — Be friendly with those in your own community and you will find that the rewards are really worth it.

GEMINI (May 22-June 21) — Consult the stars before you make any decision. You may find that the rewards are really worth it.

CANCER (June 22-July 22) — Take time out to pay attention to what is going on around you. It may influence your future a great deal.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 23) — This is a fine day for you to achieve some personal success for which you have been diligently working.

VIRGO (Aug. 24-Sept. 23) — Best for you to stay in the back-

ground and listen carefully to what goes on around you. Don't be surprised.

LIBRA (Sept. 24-Oct. 23) — Experimentation can give results if you go about it carefully. Don't be surprised.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 23) — Much smarter to check up on the exact facts before jumping to conclusions which could be erroneous.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 24-Dec. 23) — Be careful. You can err by depending too much upon the help of even your closest friends.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 24-Jan. 23) — Guard your valuables carefully. You might make a gift to someone you love and bring happiness.

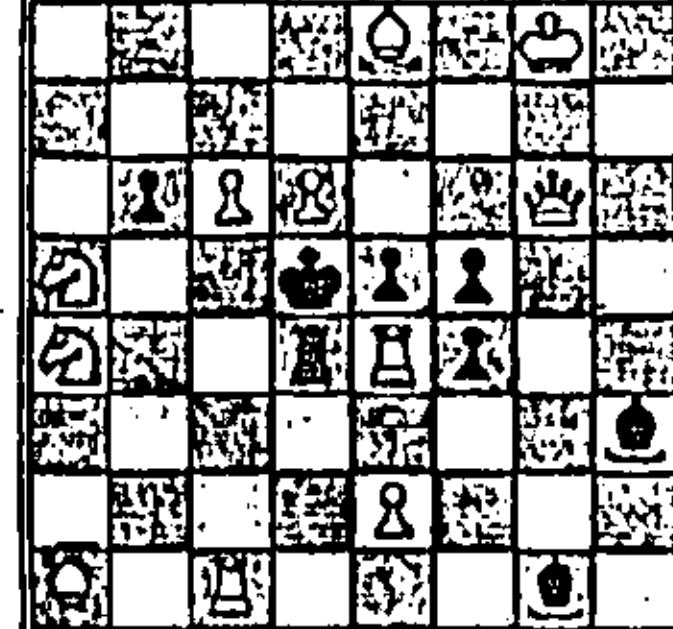
AQUARIUS (Jan. 24-Feb. 19) — There should be some news about personal affairs. Heed good business advice, too.

PISCES (Feb. 20-Mar. 20) — In matters of great opinion, be very sure of your ground. If in doubt, consult a lawyer for good advice.

## CHESS PROBLEM

By H. L. MUSANTE

Black, 8 pieces.



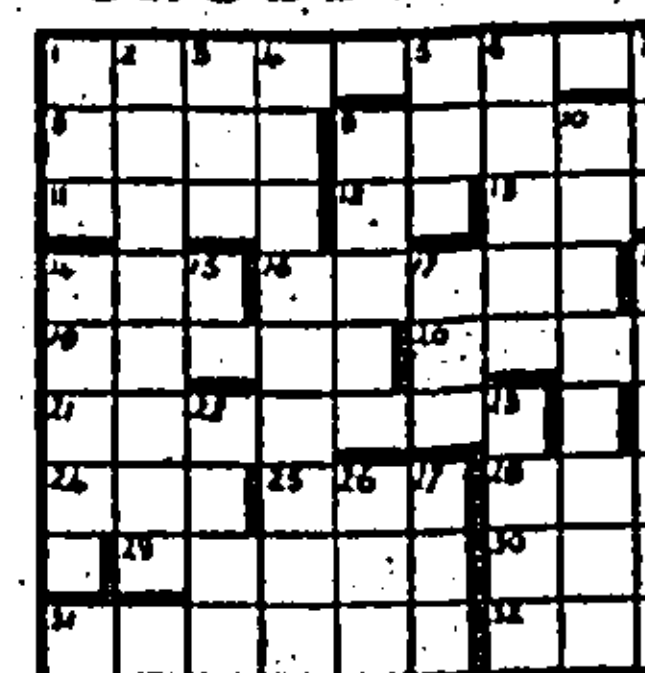
White, 11 pieces.  
White to play; mate in two.

Solution to yesterday's problem:  
1. BxP, any; 2. R, B, Kt, or P mates.

## DUMB-BELLS



## CROSSWORD



Across

1. Describes a sweet song. (9)
2. Forest trees. (10)
3. Jack a hot and cold tap. (5)
4. It's too bad if I go there. (4)
5. Preparation. (10)
6. A bird that is a down. (9)
7. They had them at Ascut. (6)
8. A bird that is a down. (9)
9. Like the long-haired boys. (4)
10. Horned fabulous beast. (7)
11. First page. (10)
12. Not here. (6)
13. Period of time. (8)
14. Don't forget, said the O.J. (4)
15. It's a boy, of course. (5)
16. A bird that is a down. (9)
17. Dangerous to handle. (8)

Down

1. I think I heard pump. (8)
2. Birds and air for company. (10)
3. North or south feather. (10)
4. Perhaps a bird that is a down. (9)
5. Act of a frightened horse. (10)
6. A bird that is a down. (9)
7. A bird that is a down. (9)
8. A bird that is a down. (9)
9. A bird that is a down. (9)
10. A bird that is a down. (9)
11. A bird that is a down. (9)
12. A bird that is a down. (9)
13. A bird that is a down. (9)
14. A bird that is a down. (9)
15. A bird that is a down. (9)
16. A bird that is a down. (9)
17. A bird that is a down. (9)

## • JACOBY • ON BRIDGE

Use Winning Play Is Best Advice Here

By OSWALD JACOBY

"WHAT is the best way to play the accompanying hand?" asks a Pittsburgh correspondent. "Opinion here is sharply divided on this question."

"When the hand was actually played, declarer won the opening spade lead in dummy, drew trumps, and staked his claim on the success of the heart finesse. When this finesse lost, he was, of course, set one trick."

"The kibitzers pointed out that South could have made his contract by ruffing out the king of hearts. The winning line of play is to run the three spades immediately, discarding hearts from the South hand. Declarer then takes the ace of hearts and leads a trump to dummy."

"Declarer can enter dummy twice with trumps to ruff low hearts. When the king of hearts drops, declarer can get back to dummy with the king of diamonds to discard his losing diamond on the jack of hearts."

"What is the correct percentage play if you see only the South hand and the dummy? Do you have a better chance if

NORTH 17		EAST (D) 17	
AKQ	AKQ	AKQ	AKQ
J764	J764	J764	J764
K75	K75	K75	K75
K87	K87	K87	K87
WEST 17		SOUTH 17	
J862	J862	J862	J862
Q832	Q832	Q832	Q832
A2	A2	A2	A2
SOUTH 17		WEST 17	
AKQ	AKQ	AKQ	AKQ
J764	J764	J764	J764
K75	K75	K75	K75
K87	K87	K87	K87
WEST 17		SOUTH 17	
J862	J862	J862	J862
Q832	Q832	Q832	Q832
A2	A2	A2	A2
SOUTH 17		WEST 17	
AKQ	AKQ	AKQ	AKQ
J764	J764	J764	J764
K75	K75	K75	K75
K87	K87	K87	K87

Opening lead—A 2

you take the finesse, or in general do you have a better chance if you try to ruff out the king?

This type of situation occurs fairly frequently in play, so it might be worth-while to remember a couple of figures. The chance of the missing six cards being divided 3-3 is about 36 percent.

The chance that the king of hearts will be doubled (in case there is a 4-2 break) is about 10 percent. The combined chance is about 52 percent, which is slightly better than the straight 50 percent chance of a finesse.

It should be pointed out that it isn't completely safe to cash three top spades before drawing trumps. It is possible, although not likely, that the opening lead is a singleton and that the second round of spades will be cashed.

This slight risk is probably offset by the chance of catching a singleton king of hearts if you play for ruffing out the king.

The decisive argument in favour of ruffing out the hearts is that you do not necessarily lose the hand if the king of hearts falls to drop. There is still a remote chance for a squeeze. If one opponent happens to have the only stopper in diamonds as well as the king of hearts.

On the whole, I would say that the net declarer cannot be criticised for staking his claim on the simple heart finesse. If I were playing the hand myself, however, I would play to ruff out the king of hearts.

## • CARD SENSE •

Q—The bidding has been: North East South West  
2 Hearts Pass ?

A—You, South, hold: Spades 9-7, Hearts 4-5-3-2, Diamonds 6-3-2, Clubs 7-6-4. What do you do?

A—Bid two no-trump. You have excellent support for hearts, and you can show that by returning to hearts at your next opportunity. If you raise hearts at once, the positive response would show that you have 7 points or more. This might seriously mislead your partner.

TODAY'S QUESTION

The bidding is the same as in the question just answered. You, South, hold: Spades Q-J-9-8-4, Hearts 4-2, Diamonds 6-3-2, Clubs 6-4. What do you do?

Answer Tomorrow

WHAT'S HIS LINE?

LEO S. BORKEL

Re-arrange the letters to spell his occupation.  
(Solution on Page 10)

# WOMANSENSE



## DEB DAYS

Crisp & Confident  
—That's The Cue  
For Young  
Miss America

AMERICAN debutante Miss Sharon Follett, picked as a typical sample from a country that is famous for the fashion flair of its just-left-schoolers.

Sharon's ideas on clothes are confident, crisp, and individual—in contrast to the average British 18-year-old whose ideas are too often uncertain, messy, or Mummy's.

She knows already that she can wear either extremely full skirts with three petticoats beneath, or extremely slender skirts, always with the waist nipped small.

Naturally, at her age, she prefers the kind of clothes that are easy to get around in, but she does not let that mean clothes that are sloppy to look at.

PLEASE NOTE, you 18-year-olds, that she wears almost no jewellery, no deep-red nail varnish, no wildly swinging hair.

PLEASE NOTE that her presentation dress (left) is in two original colours—green-beige taffeta, with an auburn satin sash which crosses neatly in front and lies at the back.

PLEASE NOTE that she wears hats small and tipped back, and easy to forget after you have put them on.

PLEASE NOTE that she carries only a very small neat handbag, and she does wear gloves.

PLEASE NOTE (above) that the kind of dress she wears every day is the kind most girls could go to work in—and wear for a party afterwards.

London Express Service.



THE EVERYDAY LOOK

## 10-Point Plan For Buying Spring Clothes

By GAY PAULEY

New York. Find what designers or manufacturers make the best clothes for you, and ask for their labels when you shop.

Don't be driven by the fear of being seen in old clothes. Have plenty of time to shop for something new, don't buy. There is nothing worse than last-minute selecting.

One, a list of needs; two, a list of buying resolutions.

Curb the urge to go on a spree, said the designer, Adele Simpson, a veteran at clothing American women. "Be guided by the same sanity you use when you order the weekly grocery supply."

Mrs Simpson drew up a 10-point plan, or list of shopping resolutions, for the woman who knows she's made fashion mistakes in the past and hopes to avoid them in the future.

Know Yourself

Analyze what does your personality and your figure—the most good? she began. "Decide whether you benefit most from line, colour or noticeable accessories."

"Have the courage to discard your mistakes—that dress that doesn't hang properly, the hat that never was the right colour—even if you sacrifice a few items from your wardrobe."

Mrs Simpson's third resolution: "Always have plenty of the 'niceties' of dress...fresh gloves, pretty handkerchiefs, attractive scarves."

Survey the "territory of fashion" before going out to buy.

"In other words," she said, "know what is new in clothes—what shapes, what colours and what fabrics are stylish."

Her seventh point: Learn to understand and respect quality. Buy the best you can afford in all clothes.

See the "whole you," as you shop, instead of having on what Mrs Simpson called "blinders."

"You buy a hat because it suits the whole you, not just your face," she said. "The same goes for a 'dress,' suit, shoes, any clothes. And when you're shopping, have respect for your husband's opinion, but don't be a slave to it."

"Allow yourself one eccentricity, but no more than one. Wear red heels on your shoes if you like, or pile one arm full of dangling bracelets."

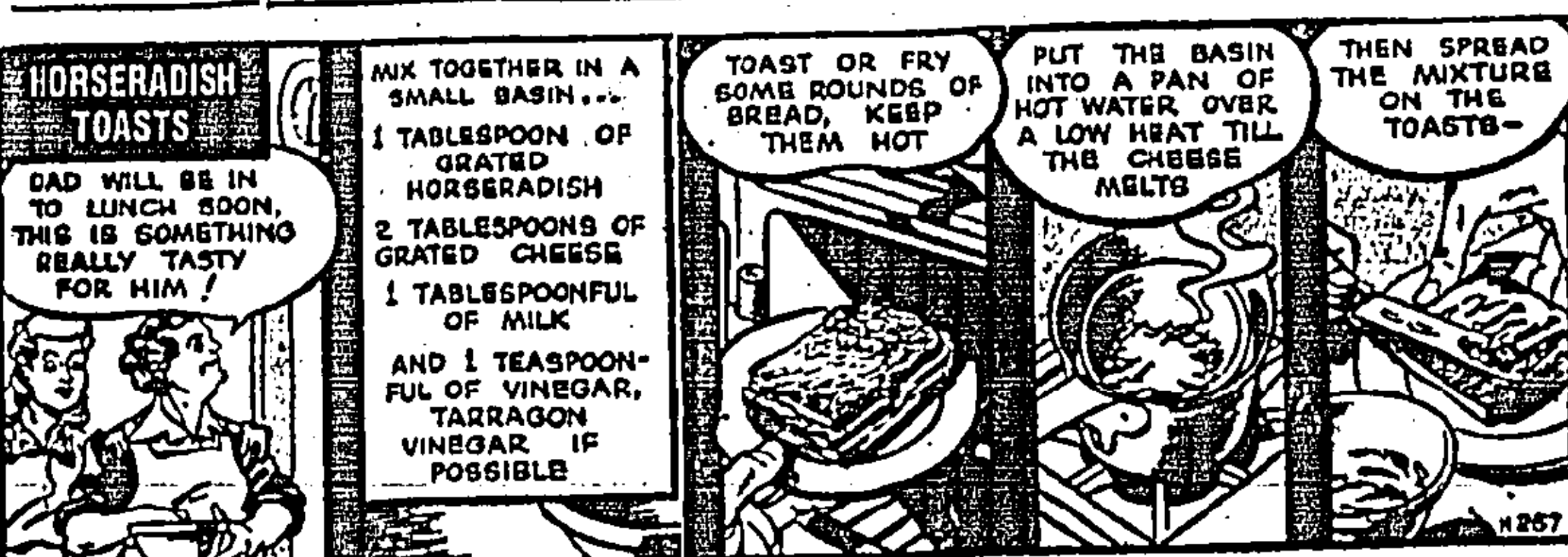
And finally keep an open mind about clothes, but don't leap at every fat that passes by. "There's always a choice in fashion, always more than one silhouette in fashion, always more than one colour that is smart," Mrs Simpson concluded.

United Press.

★ ABOVE—The dress that Sharon Follett will wear when she is presented to the Queen: Green-beige taffeta, with auburn satin sash crossed at the front.

★ ABOVE RIGHT—The type of dress that Sharon wears for every day.

Pictures by John French



## BOYS' AND GIRLS' MAGAZINE

### Knarf Takes A Balloon Ride

—It Was Fun Until It Came to a Sudden End—

By MAX TRELL

KNARF, the shadow-boy with the turned-about name, sat down next to his sister Hanid.

"My goodness," said Hanid, when she looked at her brother. "Where've you been? Your clothes are all torn! Your nose is all scratched. Did you have a fight with a cat?"

Knarf shook his head. "I just had a balloon ride," he said.

"A balloon ride? Where?"

"Up," said Knarf, "and then down!"

Whole Story

Hanid now demanded Knarf to tell her the whole story from beginning to end. Then Knarf began.

"I was walking in the park. I saw an old lady with a large

bunch of balloons. She was holding them by their strings. I was looking at them, when all at once I heard one of the balloons say: 'If you're thinking of buying one of us, young man, I advise you not to buy me. I'm going to fly off. I've been standing here long enough. Good-bye!'

"At that," said Knarf, "it suddenly tugged at its string and tried to break loose. Just as it was about to get away, I grabbed hold of the string. The next instant it rose straight up into the air. The old lady shouted: 'Oh, my balloon! Come back! But it didn't come back. It went sailing off. But I kept tight hold of the string. I went sailing off with it.'"

"Just then," Knarf went on, "we came to the pond, and the balloon said: 'This is the ocean. Now I'm going to cross it.'"

"The ocean is very wide," I said. "You have to be a boat or an aeroplane to be able to cross it."

"Just then," Knarf went on, "we came to the pond, and the balloon said: 'This is the ocean. Now I'm going to cross it.'"

"But the balloon paid no attention to me. It was sure the pond was the ocean. So it started to sail across it. But then it began to get tired. It started sinking toward the

Policeman jumped Up

"My goodness!" exclaimed Hanid. "What happened then?"

Rupert and Moruenna—25



While the two friends pause uncertainly there, a scratching noise and in a pause at one side of the cave there appears a familiar figure. "Oh, how awful it's that giant crab!" whispers Rupert. "We can't escape him now!" But a change had come over the fierce creature. It gazed and looks at them, lazily waving its claws and its whiskers in an almost friendly fashion, before turning and scrambling away. "Good gracious! I do believe it's beginning to like us!" gasps the little bear. "Come on, let's follow."

## A new

"Adventure"—  
RUPERT  
and the  
ROCKING  
HORSE  
\$1.



The old lady shouted: "Oh, my balloon! Come back!"

"Watch out," I warned it. "You'll never get across. You'd better get up higher!"

Shook His Head

"And did it get up higher?" Hanid asked.

Knarf shook his head. "Did it sink down on the water then?" Hanid wanted to know.

Again Knarf shook his head. "It didn't rise up higher, and it didn't sink down lower, what did it do?"

"It went just a little further—just to the other side of the pond," said Knarf. "Then it went bang and burst. So it didn't rise up, and it didn't sink down. It just burst and disappeared."

"And what happened to you?"

Knarf sighed. "I fell into a clump of thorns and got all scratched up!"

"And was that the end of your balloon ride?"

"Yes—I sailed with it until it burst, and then I sailed by myself, right down into the thorns. That was the end of my trip. But it was fun while it lasted—except for the balloon. It's gone."

Cleaning the Bulb

The bulb in a mercury-type lamp should get a monthly cleaning, and this of course should be done when the lamp is cold and the bulb disconnected. Use a clean cloth moistened with denatured alcohol, never soap and water. Do not handle the bulb, otherwise oil will be left on it, and once the job is finished, the bulb should be screwed in securely.

The same thing goes for a carbon lamp. Carbons should be replaced when they have burned down to one-quarter of their original length. Soot forms in carbon lamps, and this should be cleaned away with a soft brush or soft cloth.

Unpainted Furniture

One reader wants to know just what to look for when selecting unpainted wooden furniture. She had an idea that all such merchandise was more or less of the same quality, and that the main job was finishing it.

Well, that isn't so. We asked a manufacturer, and he told us that there are varying grades. He advises shoppers to make sure that joints of such furniture are tight and neatly made, if the pieces are to last. Also, look for a uniform grain pattern and colour, if the finish is to be very light.

Sandpapered Surface

If not already prepared or if this is not well done, the surface should be carefully sandpapered and then thoroughly dusted off. A final treatment of paste wax, rubbed down, the manufacturer told us, will make all the difference in the final appearance. Or a combination of stain and wax may be used.



# HIGHER STANDARD OF PLAY SHOULD BE SEEN IN BOWLS LEAGUE THIS YEAR

Says "TOUCHER"

The 43rd Colony Lawn Bowls League season opens on Saturday, May 9, with a promise of a higher standard of bowls and close competition in all divisions.

While a few clubs will have the usual problems of reshuffling their teams all over again owing to losses in departures from the Colony and the inevitable decisions of some of their members that they have had enough of the game, the greater number of them will be considerably strengthened by the return to the game of many old-timers from temporary retirement and from leave.

This season should also see perhaps the greatest influx of new blood into the game, especially in the Second and Third Divisions.

United Services Recreation Club has entered the Third Division for the first time in

the club's history. Kowloon Dock may field an additional Second Division team and Kowloon Bowling Green Club an additional Third Division team.

Leading added interest to the First Division games this season is the invitation issued to the Hongkong Lawn Bowls Association to participate in its first overseas competition during the Empire Games at Vancouver in July 1954.

Hongkong's decision to do its utmost to send a team for this game should provide the impetus to everyone of our better bowlers to further their mastery of the game.

Although the date of closing of entries was officially last Wednesday, the Executive Committee of the HKLBA has decided to give clubs a little extra time in fixing up the number of teams they wish to enter in the League, and it is expected that the final consideration of the entries will be made on Monday.

The full list of entries already received is as follows:  
First Division: Craighower Cricket Club, Club de Recreo (holders), Filipino Club, Hongkong Football Club, Indian Recreation Club, Kowloon Bowling Green Club, Kowloon Dock Club, Police Recreation Club and Tai Koo Club.

Second Division: Club de Recreo (two teams), Hongkong Cricket Club, Kowloon Bowling Green Club, Kowloon Dock Club (holders), Indian Recreation Club and Kowloon Dock (holders).

Third Division: Craighower Cricket Club, Club de Recreo, Filipino Club, Hongkong Football Club, Hongkong Electric Recreation Club, Indian Recreation Club, Kowloon Dock Recreation Club, Police Recreation Club, Prison Officers' Club, United Services Recreation Club, Kowloon Dock Cricket Club (holders), Kowloon Dock Bowling Green Club and Kowloon Dock (holders).

It is difficult at this early stage to give a review of the prospects of the various clubs for the different divisions of the League, as most of the club lists are by no means completed as yet.

However, the first Division will, pending the approval of the HKLBA, again see ten teams competing. Recreo who fielded two First Division teams last year, intend to have only one team in this division this season and to have two teams instead in the Second Division.

Filipino Club, who only entered in the Second and Third Division last year, have applied to play in the First Division.

On paper it appears that Recreo will have a greater concentration of talent in their one First Division team and will start favorites to retain the First Division title not only on account of this fact but also because of the return to the League of at least two veterans of the game in Raoul Luz and Henry Ozorio.

It is likely too, that they will have a new addition to their ranks in H. F. Pereira, an outstanding Shanghai player. Johnny Ribeiro may be a doubtful starter, and it is probable that their three First Division ships will be the two Luz brothers and Jackie Noronha.

Indian Recreation Club, the 1950 and 1951 Champions, will have practically the same team as last year with the exception of U. M. Omar who is a doubtful starter and who, if rumours hold true, may turn out for his old club, Craighower.

## TEAM TO WATCH

A team to watch this year for upsets will be Kowloon Dock Club which will be considerably strengthened by the

return from leave of A. Marshall, W. McCall and R. Gourlay.  
Hongkong Football Club, too, will be at least three of their former stalwarts, Bickford, Watson and Bakusen, coming back into their line-up.

Most noticeable loss for Kowloon Bowling Green Club in their first team this season will be W. C. Simpson who is away on leave, but they will still have a formidable array of skips with Jack McKelvie to replace him. Back among them is Joe Pinnell from his Esplanade Cup triumph.

Craighower will have almost the same team as they had last year, probably strengthened a little by the inclusion of B. W. Bradbury.  
Should U. M. Omar decide to play for them, Craighower may turn out to be the strongest challengers to Recreo this season.

In addition to three formidable skips in Bradbury, Omar and Joe Landolt, they have a strong array of No. 3's in George Souza, Reunio Rossetti and Alfred Contes, and a strong string of No. 2's in W. C. Ogley, Francis Lee and Hope Kew.  
Hardest hit among the clubs this year by retirements and home leave is probably Kowloon Cricket Club, who are reportedly finding it difficult to field three teams.

Teddy Fincher is a doubtful starter, and Bill Colledge may not be able to turn out regularly for League matches.  
However, conscientious practice made Kowloon Cricket Club not only the Champions of the Second and Third Divisions last year, but also a force to be reckoned with in the First Division. A number of new stars may come to the fore in the KCC teams this year.

## WEEK-END TEAMS

The following is the team selected to represent Portugal in the international hockey match against Wales today on the Club Recreo ground at 5.45 p.m.

F. Soares, H. Rosa, J. B. Gonçalves, L. Vieira, W. Reed, R. A. Colaco (Capt.), B. T. Gomes, A. A. dos Remedios, J. A. Antunes, R. Alves, F. Luz, J. Colaco, H. J. Xavier, C. A. Guterres, A. Mendes.  
All players and reserves are requested to turn up in blue shirts, shorts and socks, and to bring their own equipment. The match will be played on the Club Recreo ground at 5.45 p.m. and will be finished by 7.30 p.m. to find out if the match is still on.

Civilians v Combined Services on Sunday at 4 p.m. on the Club Recreo ground. A. L. Nery, R. Calico, W. Reed, B. Gomes, A. A. dos Remedios, J. A. Antunes, R. Alves, F. Luz, J. Colaco, H. J. Xavier, C. A. Guterres, A. Mendes.  
Shirts and shorts (both white) are to be provided by the players. They should furthermore confirm to C. Verheul (tel 3034 office hours) that they will be available for the game.

Cricket  
DRC v RAC 2nd XI at Kall Tak in 2nd Division Cricket Match on Saturday.  
First XI: Hughes (Captain), T. J. Kingston, D. Sutcliffe, J. A. W. J. Lewis, W. Jones, H. Foster, R. Maddox, R. Knapp, R. Harvey, C. Back, Umpire—H. R. Cooper. Scorer—N. Horwood.

Police v IRC at the DRC on Saturday at 3.30 p.m. in a friendly match.  
First XI: Hillier, Pile, Dewar, Gillies, Second XI: Runk, Cameron, Perkins, West, Marvin, Third XI: Runk, Pile, Reynolds, Holland, Fourth XI: Runk, Gillies, Moore, Stanton, Metcalfe, Fifth XI: MacDonald, MacKenzie, Yu, Duffy, Sixth XI: Runk, Willerton, Pilkington, Lowe, Bennett.

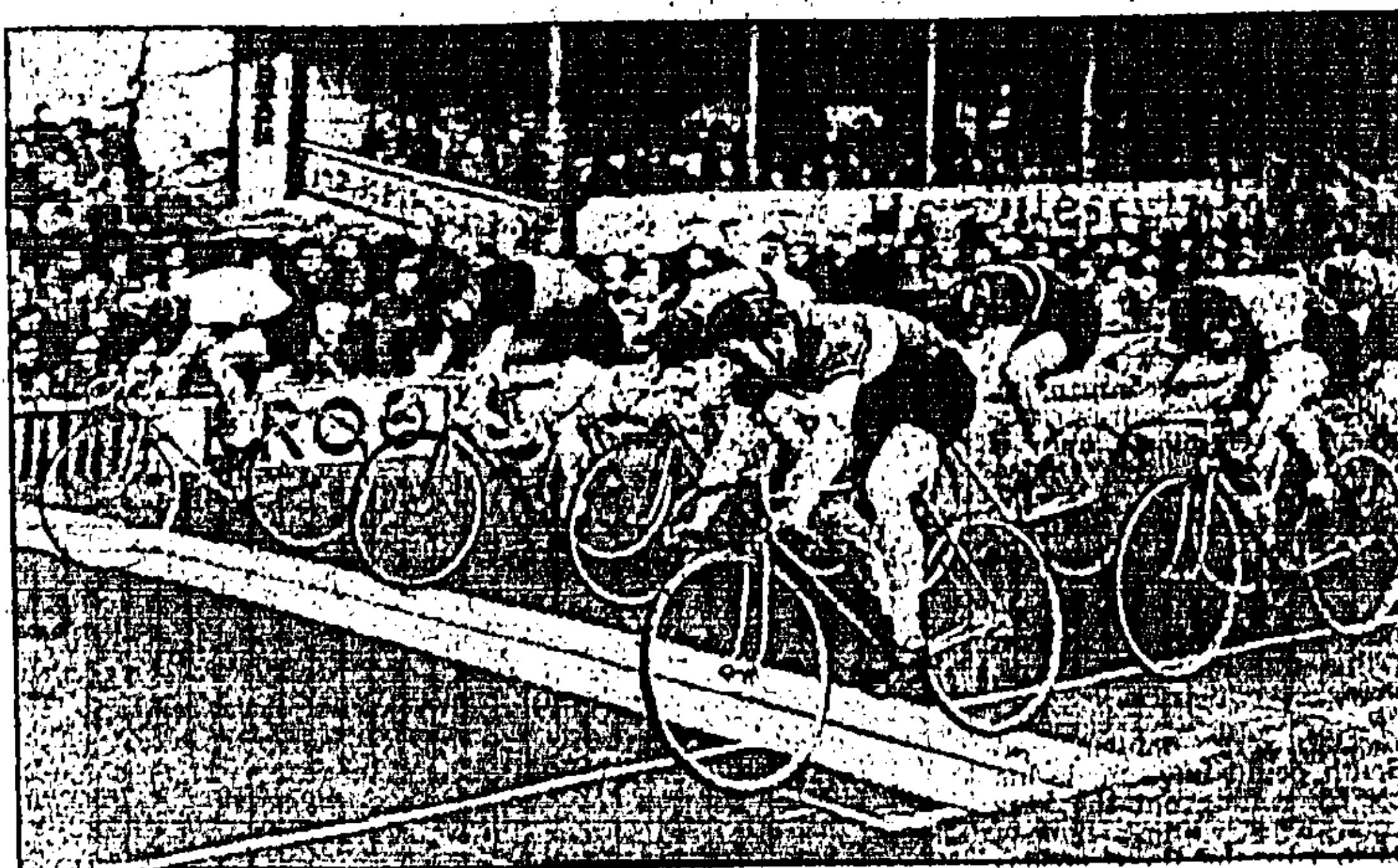
## Japan To Stage World Wrestling Championships

Next year's World Free Style Wrestling Championships will be held in Tokyo, the International Amateur Wrestling Federation decided here tonight. The date will be decided on at a later meeting of the Federation.  
The site of the 1955 World Graco-Roman Wrestling Championships will be decided at a Congress to be held before the Tokyo Championships.

## Home Soccer Results

Football League results today were:  
DIVISION II  
Hull new 1 Leicester 1  
Swansea 3 Leeds U. 2  
DIV. III (SOUTH)  
Leyton 4 Aldershot 1  
Northampton 2 Colchester 0  
Watford 0 Gillingham 0  
—Reuter.

## EASTER HANDICAP FINAL



The finish of the Easter Handicap Final at the International Cyclists' Union 75th Birthday Reunion Races at Herne Hill track on Good Friday—W. Severn (Wilkesden) first, L. Dinch (Notts Castle) second and J. D. Tighe (Scunthorpe Bay and RAF) third in a close finish.

## Tomorrow's Chances At The Valley

By "RAPIER"

The Hongkong Jockey Club's Twelfth Race Meeting of the season will be held tomorrow afternoon. The first saddling bell will be rung at 1.30 p.m. with the first race at 2.00 p.m. sharp.  
An attractive programme of 10 events—with satisfactory entries—has been drawn up for this meeting, outstanding among which is the St. George's Plate over the mile, a handicap race for ponies of 1953-winners only.

Here are my estimates of the chances:

### FIRST RACE

Repulse Bay Handicap: 1½ Miles.

Class 9 ponies will contest the opening event of the afternoon. The following should be worth watching: Bonnie Eyes (Mr. Plumby), Flying Arrow (Mr. C. A. Lee), The Gazelle (Mr. Samarcq) and Penforce (Mr. Renfrew).

Bonnie Eyes, which won the Yamato Handicap (Second Section) over the two-mile post at the Easter Race Meeting, carrying 144 lbs., appears the logical choice. It ran very convincingly in the above race, and as it will have an allowance of 7 lbs. for a novice rider, i.e. 151 lbs., it should have a good chance of scoring another win here.

The danger will probably come from Flying Arrow, which was third in the above race. As the pony is very fit at the moment, an upset is quite possible.  
The distance is more to the Gazelle's liking and it should not be ignored, although it was unplaced in this same race.  
Penforce is also good for the 1½ mile route and, with only 148 lbs. to handle, is a decided menace.

### SECOND RACE

Big Wave Bay Handicap (First Section): Six Furlongs.

This race is for the first lot of Class 9 ponies and it seems that Ironside (Mr. Ostrumoff), winner of the Mount Kellett Handicap (Second Section) over the mile at the 11th Race Meeting, has the best recent record for this race.

It may, however, meet with stern opposition from Eudora (Mr. Boycott) which was unplaced at the Easter Race Meeting after being made hot favourite when ridden by Mr. Ostrumoff.

A Grand Time (Mr. H. S. Chang), Fortune Teller (Mr. Tang) and Care Free (Mr. A. Noodi) are also good over this distance and can be depended upon to put up a good fight.

### THIRD RACE

St. George's Plate: One Mile.

This is the main event of the afternoon and is confined to Australian ponies of 1953-winners only.

Exhibition Day, although entering, will not go to the post and in its absence Babale (Mr. Samarcq) after coming in second in the Pearce Memorial Cup over the Champion distance at the Annual Race Meeting, certainly appears to have the best recommendation for a win here.

I expect it to receive strong opposition from Bonita (Mr. Chung), which is a much better pony than before as the distance is more suitable to it. I think it will have a say at the finish.  
Gold Crown (Mr. Kwok) is a big-hearted animal and must therefore be seriously considered.

Picasso (Mr. Boycott), which was officially fourth in the above race with Mr. Gregory up, should do better here as the distance should fit it to a nicety. An upset from this combination is quite possible.

### FOURTH RACE

Repulse Bay Handicap: From 1½ Miles Post.

This sprint event will be contested by Class 3 ponies. In spite of its defeat at the Easter Race Meeting, I fancy the chances of Concord (Mr. Samarcq), as this pony is fast over this distance.  
Time On (Mr. Kwok) will carry 155 lbs. in view of the opposition. It may have a say here tomorrow afternoon.

### FIFTH RACE

Picnic Handicap: About 1 Mile 3 Furlongs 55 Yards.

This race is confined to Class 2 ponies. Cinderella (Mr. Botelho) came second in the Tunglwan Handicap over the two-mile post at the Easter Race Meeting and seems to be the best bet for a win.

The only danger comes from Clontockle (Mr. Samarcq), which has been running well during morning gallops, and the combination should not be ignored. Then there is Squadron Leader (Mr. Kwok), but this pony has disappointed so many times that I am not too confident regarding its ability to beat the other two.

### SIXTH RACE

Jeau House Bay Handicap: Six Furlongs.

This sprint race for ponies of 1953 which have won not more than \$1250 and not less than \$4000 has attracted 14 entries, and in view of the short distance, an upset is probable.  
From the entries the following should be worth watching: Evening View (Mr. Ph), Cordon Rouge (Mr. Oliveira), Charleer (Mr. Yen) and Outsider (Mr. Tsai).

I strongly fancy Evening View as the distance is well suited to this pony although it came second at the Easter Race Meeting over the mile.

Main challenge should come from Cordon Rouge, which was a neck behind the above pony in this same race.

Then there is Charleer to be considered as it is fast and, given a good start, might cause an upset.

Outsider should also be kept in mind as it is quite capable of extending the above mentioned ponies.

### SEVENTH RACE

Rocky Bay Handicap (First Section): One Mile.

This race will be contested by Class 8 ponies. Looking over the entries, it would appear that Rider's Wish (Mr. G. Noodi) is the logical choice for first place.

The Tigress (Mr. Samarcq) has shown improvement during morning gallops and it should be very near at the finish.  
Armament (Mr. Ph) is coming along nicely but cannot see it beating the above-mentioned ponies and the best it can do is to take third place.

For those looking for an outsider, Desert Gold (Mr. Botelho) is the pony.

### EIGHTH RACE

Junk Bay Handicap: From 1½ Miles Post.

Thunderjet (Mr. Renfrew) has a good opportunity of winning

this race for Class 8 ponies, despite its disappointing run at the Easter Race Meeting with Mr. H.K. Cheng up. It is fighting fit at the moment.

Silver Dahili (Mr. P.K. Liang) has been knocking at the door of success for a long time, and Rebel II (Mr. Samarcq) is another pony to bear in mind as it is good enough to give these two a good fight.

Canadian Point (Mr. Kwok) and Festival View (Mr. Ph) should also receive some consideration, especially the latter which is not bad.

### NINTH RACE

Big Wave Bay Handicap (Second Section): Six Furlongs.

The second section of Class 9 ponies will battle out the finish in this sprint event.

I like the chances of Dixie Bell (Mr. Kwok), Powerhouse (Mr. Renfrew), Gracechurch (Mr. Samarcq) and Miami Beauty (Mr. H.K. Cheng).

Dixie Bell won the Tin Kau Handicap from the 1½-mile post at the Easter Race Meeting, and on that account it is promoted to the front and penalised by 1 lb. As it is happier over a short distance, I think it will win again.

Powerhouse is dangerous and if Gracechurch can secure a good start it will give both Dixie Bell and Powerhouse a great fight.

Miami Beauty is very fit, and is capable of causing an upset.  
Dixie Bell appears to me the best bet for a win, with Powerhouse second and Gracechurch third, leaving Miami Beauty as the outsider.

### TENTH RACE

Rocky Bay Handicap (Second Section): One Mile.

The second lot of Class 8 ponies will form the opposition in the final event of the day, with the following choices: Collier (Mr. Oliveira), Henrietta (Mr. Kwok), Trade Wind (Mr. Tao), Popularity (Mr. Renfrew), and Norse Lady (Mr. Samarcq).

Colin is a greatly improved pony and its win in the Yau-nai Handicap (First Section) over the two-mile post for Class 9 ponies at the Easter Race Meeting points to another win here.

On the other hand, Henrietta is well suited to this distance and should be near at the finish.  
Trade Wind must be considered in view of its fourth placing in the Salyunggun Handicap over the two-mile post on the first day of the Easter Race Meeting.

Then there is Popularity which is also a danger here as it is good enough to extend the field.

Norse Lady will be piloted by Mr. Samarcq and, for those who prefer an outsider, this combination is worth following.

## IOC DELEGATES DISCUSS THE PROBLEM OF THE SIZE OF THE GAMES

Mexico City, Apr. 16.  
A dispute about the size of the 1956 Olympics temporarily pushed the question of where they will be held into the background today as the directors of the International Olympic Committee resumed informal meetings.

Formal sessions of the IOC are scheduled to begin tomorrow with the matter of whether Melbourne has the facilities to hold the 1956 Games as planned high on the agenda.

Informal meetings opened with the question of how many events shall be held and how many athletes shall participate. Many delegates wanted the size of the Games cut, but others, just as strongly, advocated more events and more competitors.

Generally, representatives of the Latin American and Soviet bloc nations were lined up in favour of keeping the Games at their present size or enlarging them.

The Reducing Committee had suggested earlier that "team events" such as basketball and soccer be eliminated from the Olympic programme because they require more athletes, and thus work a hardship on the host city.

The Argentine delegate, Enrique Alberdi, reported, when asked a city to host the Olympics, don't re-model your Olympics to fit the city.

Buenos Aires was a disappointed bidder for the 1956 Olympics, losing out to Melbourne by a single vote. The city was expected to bid again for the Games should it be decided that Melbourne is not making proper preparations.

The Western European nations were mostly the ones who favoured reductions. The Latin Americans threatened to form a bloc to vote against any reduction in events.

Soviet Russia and the Iron Curtain nations were strongly in favour of increasing the number, especially in the women's events where the Russians scored so many points during the 1952 Games at Helsinki that they came close to upsetting the United States in the race for the unofficial team championships.

On the other side of the fence, Mr. Erik Von Frenckell, of Finland, suggested that the athletes from each country be limited. There were suggestions that this could be accomplished by a flat limit in the number from each country or by requiring an entry fee for each athlete.

Mr. Avery Brundage, President of the IOC, regarding the dispute, merely said that the directors had discussed a proposal by the group's "Reducing Committee" but that no decisions would be taken until the formal session opens tomorrow.

## Oleandrin Wins Craven Stakes At Newmarket

Newmarket, Apr. 16.

Gordon Richards rode Oleandrin to victory in the Craven Stakes run over one mile at Newmarket today.

Oleandrin started at 4-1. Second was Empire Honey, 5-2 joint favourite ridden by W. Hickaby, and third, Smoke Signal, 5-1, ridden by W. H. Carr.

The winner was trained by H. Leader.  
Unplaced 5-2 joint favourite was Diana.

Oleandrin won by one and a half lengths with one length between second and third. The winner received £1,241. The second place getter received £140 and the third horse £73.  
Oleandrin's owner, Mr. Stavros Niarchos, a Greek oil tanker merchant, said the horse was a definite runner for the 2,000 Guineas to be run over one mile at Newmarket on April 29.—Reuter.

## POC GREEN OPENING

The lawn bowls green of the Prison Officers' Club will be opened by Mr. C. J. Norman, President of the Club, on Saturday at 3.30 p.m.

Tea will be served during the afternoon and all Club representatives are cordially invited.

## May Race For Britain



MRS. DREYFUS Skipper of the Thistle

Mrs. Deborah Dreyfus, tall, fair-haired yachtswoman, has been told that she and her yacht Thistle are to be reserves to the British team of four six-metre yachts which are to race against America. Their race will be in the United States in September.

Last year Mrs. Dreyfus won the Solent class championship silver medal and cup.  
Racing for Mrs. Dreyfus begins in May. At summer weekends she lives in a hotel near the Solent, and during the week returns either to her London house in Montagu Street.

Mrs. Dreyfus sails with a crew of five, is always at the helm herself.

—(London Express Service)

## Home Rugger Results

Rugby Union results today were:

Gloucester 8, Cheltenham 6, Pontypool 6, Penarth 13, Talmouth 10, Plymouth Albion 6.

Bedford 13, Durham University 6.

Rugby League results: Bradford Northern 12, Huddersfield 6.—Reuter.

## BASEBALL RESULTS

New York, Apr. 16.

Major League baseball games played today resulted as follows:  
AMERICAN LEAGUE  
Boston Red Sox 11, Philadelphia Athletics 6.  
New York Yankees 6, Washington Senators 3.

St. Louis Browns 0, Chicago White Sox 1.  
Cleveland Indians 11, Detroit Tigers 8.

### NATIONAL LEAGUE

Philadelphia Phillies 12, Pittsburgh Pirates 14.  
St. Louis Cardinals vs. Chicago Cubs will be played tonight.

New York Giants vs. Brooklyn Dodgers—match postponed owing to rain.

Cincinnati Reds vs. Milwaukee Braves—match postponed owing to the cold.—Reuter.

## CORONATION SPEEDWAY MATCH

London, Apr. 15.  
West Ham won their speedway coronation match against Norwich 51 points to 33 at West Ham last night.

World champion Jack Young, West Ham's Australian captain, scored the maximum 12 points though he had to fight hard for them.

Lawson was Norwich's best rider with 11 points.  
The result of the Southern League match at Southampton between Southampton 40 points and Oxford 20.—Reuter.

## THE GAMBOLS





## THE CASE FOR THE DOUBLE BED

"The Four Poster" starts at a beginning and ends at a beginning. The first is the beginning of what can be earthly bliss, and the second of what one can only suppose is heavenly bliss. Most movie stories end before this first beginning, or start after it, for it is the wedding night.

"The Four Poster" type of bed and film are comparative rarities these days; the film because its theme (the theme of both, in fact) is a happy marriage. There are very few pictures on the subject. Film producers, it seems, are only interested in people up to the time of wedding bells, or else when things start creaking in the nest. Perhaps they consider the story of a happily married couple just dull—or did.

Here is the exception; a delightful and reassuring experience. Stanley Kramer who produced "Cyrano de Bergerac", "High Noon" and similar triumphs, has taken the stage play by Jan de Hartog, and with

Allan Scott's adaptation of it for the screen, delicately created an absorbing precedent in film making.

Its centre is a bed; a stolid, old-fashioned, carved and capacious four poster bed with a frilly counterpane.

This stalwart piece of furniture is also the centre in the lives of Abby and John. Rex Harrison and Lilli Palmer, his wife both on the screen and off, make a total cast in a film whose live scene never leaves the bedroom.

"Live" is a necessary qualification, for there are silent cartoon interludes which join together the events of a lifetime. Tactfully and hilariously they depict John's failure as a schoolmaster; his success as a novelist and lecturer; they make a crazy ballet of the second honeymoon in Paris, and raise the roaring "Twenties in gay abstraction."

### THE EFFECT

The effect of all this on the people concerned is that the wedding from the viewpoint of the bedroom, as well as such things as the arrival of their first and second child, John's imagined fancy for another woman, Abby's infatuation with a younger man, the death of their son and their growing understanding and love for each other. All from the same room, changing in appearance down the years, but always dominated by their old friend the four poster.

It says a great deal for the stars that they can carry the whole of this full-length picture on their own, and it seems a trifle slow at times the fault is not theirs. Lilli Palmer rises particularly well to a most exciting part.

Of all the feelings one is left with after a film—horror, devastation, excitement, satisfaction, disappointment or nothing special—this one is the first in years to leave what is best described as a warm glow. It is often more than a little tricky, and it would have been easy for "The Four Poster" to have missed the mark. It doesn't.

A happy touch is in the last flash, with just the words "THE BEGINNING". A case of alpha and omega, the beginning and the end.—SUE DAWSON.

## WEEK-END HOCKEY

The following is the week-end hockey programme:

### SATURDAY

Gremlins "A" v KGV "B"—King's Park Pool Ground at 3 p.m. Umpires: L. Bdr. Finlayson, U. S. Dillon.

### SUNDAY

HKHC v RAF.—Happy Valley Pool Ground at 3 p.m. Umpires: P/O K. J. Whitaker, P/O P. J. Ball.

Teams and/or umpires unable to meet these fixtures are requested to contact C. Verheul, the Hon. Fixture Sec., immediately by phone (30343).

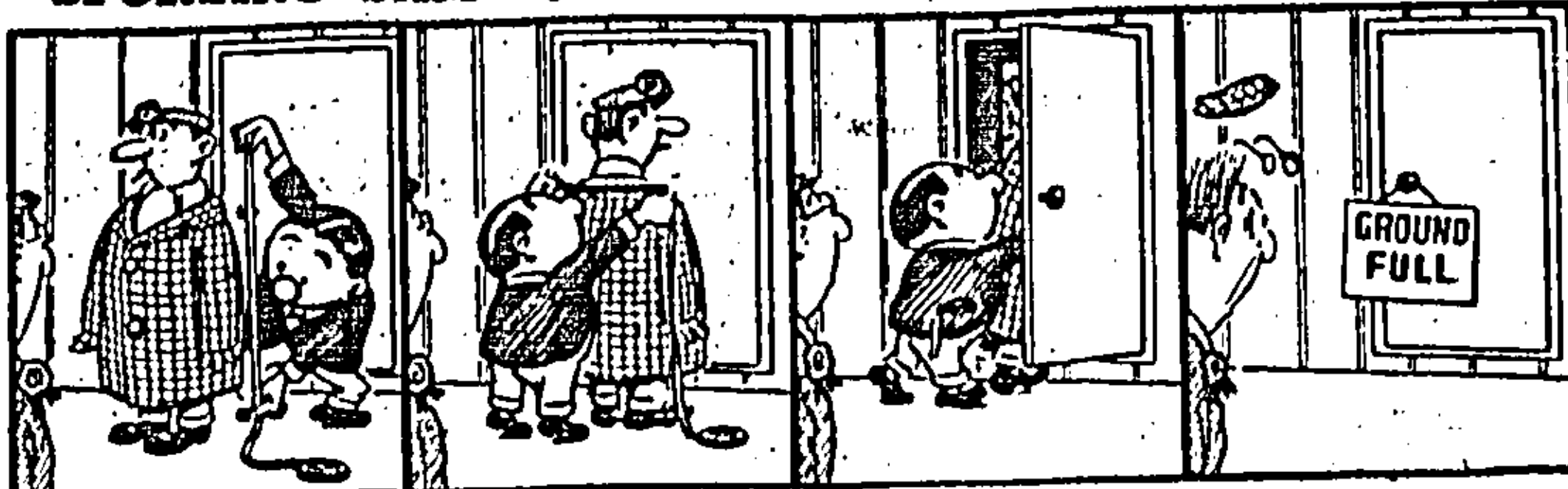
## Tanny Campo Leaves For Japan To Fight Shirai

Manila, Apr. 17. The Philippine Flyweight Champion, Tanny Campo, left by plane for Tokyo today for his World Championship bout with Japan's Yoshio Shirai on May 15. Campo was accompanied in his trip by Manager Philip Leonard, a sparring partner Gene Garcia. Campo will set up a training camp in Yokohama and will leave for Tokyo a week before the title bout at the Korakuen Stadium.

The fight will mark Shirai's first defence of his world title since he won it nearly six months ago from Hawaii's Dado Marino.—France-Press.

### SPORTING SAM

By Reg. Wootton



## HOLLYWOOD'S MARRIAGE MERRY-GO-ROUND

### Andy Hardy Seems To Be Settled Down At 31

By MICHAEL RUDDY

Unique among the stars of Hollywood, whose beginnings in the glamour world of fame, fortune and movies are as varied as the colours of an ancient mosaic, is a short stocky, energetic entertainer who started life literally on the music-hall stage with his parents, Joe and Nell Yule.

At the age of one and a half years he was carried on to the stage by his father, and special material was written in order that the Yule sprite could be part of the turn from then on. The snub-nosed kiddie with the big grin at four wore a miniature copy of his father's outfit, baggy, checkered pants, a tight jacket and a bowler worn over one ear.

He tap-danced in time with them, he took tumbles when his father and mother did. He was part of the act and he learned quickly. Brooklyn-born, he picked up the vernacular of show business quicker than he learned his A.B.C.s.

At five he made his debut in motion pictures, playing a mid-go in "Not To Be Trusted," and a similar role in a stage revue. A year later he played Mickey McGuire in a series of short film comedies based on Fontaine Fox's tough little cartoon character. At 12, he outgrew the character, went on the road again with his parents.

By this time, he had learned the value of a name and he got his name on the bill. A year later he chose himself—Mickey Rooney, dancer, singer, entertainer, comedian.

Hollywood beckoned to him again and he worked in comedies, shorts, features, anything in films with occasional local engagements on the stage. In 1935, when he was 14, as a result of his performance in "Hideout," he was signed to a long term contract. Mickey, oh boy, look at those girls! he suddenly shouted while we were lunching in the MGM canteen as a dozen long limbed lovelies in and in single file, passed by our table.

Four of them stopped briefly to chat with Mickey. One gently patted his cheek, while perched "Hyah, sweetie," another kissed him gently on the forehead. One hugged him hard, "Love you, Mickey!" and the fourth beauty, who would have stopped the traffic on any main street, leaned over and tenderly kissed him on the ear. "You know, Mickey," Mickey said to me when the flood of publicity had passed and he had deep appreciation for them had subsided. "You know, I liked girls when I was a kid, and I like them more now."

## VAN DONCK LEADS

Moor Park, Hertfordshire.

Undismayed by a nervous six at the first hole, Flory Van Donck of Belgium scored a fighting second round of 71 over the 6,002 yards High Course here today to retain the lead in the Silver King Golf Tournament.

With a fine 36 holes total of 135, he heads the list of 40 professionals and one amateur who have qualified for the final 36 holes on the High Course tomorrow.

Lying second is Britain's Ryder Cup International, Ken Bousfield, of the Coombe Hill Club, who added a seventh on the High Course today to his 68 over the West Course yesterday to total 138.—Reuter.

In 1939, Mickey received a special award from the Academy of Motion Picture Arts and Sciences for his performance in "Boys Town" and the renowned Andy Hardy pictures.

Like Clark Gable, Robert Taylor, Spencer Tracy, Robert Montgomery and other stars at the studio, Mickey had his own dressing-room suite, his flashy convertible, a swimming pool, a tennis court, and a collection of startling sports jackets in the latest plaids and checks.

He also had a string of girlfriends, many of them among the friendly chorines who were used to extract at the studio for the musicians produced and filmed by MGM in their incomparable lavish style.

At Palm Springs, Mickey liked to swim with and sun with slim, full-bodied beauties, invariably taller than himself, which didn't bother him at all. When he lacked in stature, he made up for in pep, bounce, vigour.

### ENTER AVA

Just about this time, a tall, Southern beauty was signed to a stock contract at MGM, and on her first day at the studio, she was taken around by a studio aide for a briefing. During the tour she met Mickey Rooney who whooped with delight at this green-eyed, dark-haired lass, new to Hollywood, unspoiled, and a friendly soul.

Within 24 hours, Mickey phoned her for a date. He'd got her phone number from the casting department. Mickey got nowhere on that first call, but he persisted and soon the two of them were what Hollywood columnists call a "hot twosome"—a new romance. Ava Gardner and Mickey had fun together.

When the studio gave a huge party to celebrate Mickey's 21st birthday, Ava was with him, and nearby were Lana Turner, Judy Garland, Ann Rutherford and other stars who had worked with him.

Six months later, Mickey proposed to Ava and she accepted him. He then wanted to get permission to marry her from Louis B. Mayer, the studio head, and Mickey's boss, mentor, self-appointed father for many years. Mr. Mayer politely objected to Mickey marrying Ava or anyone for that matter. If Mickey got married, he'd be grown up. Grown up, he couldn't continue to play Andy Hardy in the very profitable series.

With or without permission, Mickey wanted to marry Ava. On January 12, 1942, they were married. They were divorced within 18 months. Too many people tried to run their marriage. On their honeymoon, a studio publicity man accompanied them, dined with them, lunched with them, breakfasted

with them. He did sleep in a separate room.

Disappointed, Mickey tackled his career again, made his last Andy picture, "Andy Hardy's Blonde Trouble," in May, 1944, and on June 14, he was inducted into the U.S. Army.

On September 30, the same year, he married a tall, lithe brunette, Betty Jane Ross. While he was in Europe, entertaining GIs with the famous Jeep shows, Mickey Rooney, junior, was born on September 3, 1945. A second son, Timothy, came on January 4, 1947.

But Mickey was restless. His career was in the doldrums and rumours of rifts in the Rooney household were frequent. He was divorced in 1948 and, within three months, married the tall, blonde, near his size, petite Martha Vickers.

"She's wonderful, and I'm the happiest guy in the world," Mickey bubbled. We had a beer together and toasted the bride. Son No. 3, Teddy, arrived in 1950. But Mickey began spending too much time away from home, worried about alimony and support to wife No. 2, got behind with income taxes and suddenly aged.

Martha was unhappy and the inevitable was announced. She was divorcing him. There was a court battle over alimony and support, finally settled in April of last year.

Mickey tore into his movie work with a will, announced through his press-agent that he was making a series of television films. He directed his first movie, "My True Story," at Columbia Pictures; made a movie, "Military Policeman," with Bob Hope; made two more films.

It looked as if Mickey Rooney, three times married, thrice divorced, had settled down. He paid up his arrears in income tax, reduced arrears in support to wives 2 and 3, and was seen around the night-spots with half a dozen different girls, all tall American beauties.

One of them, Elaine Mahnkem, a model, a gay lass who wore glasses, got more dates with Mickey than any other girl. Was she to be Mrs. Rooney No. 4?

No confirmation from Mickey until on November 13 last year Mickey and Elaine boarded the honeymoon plane for Las Vegas and tied the knot.

Elaine is fresh to Hollywood, doesn't seem to be eager for a career and this seems to be very happy when they appear together in public. And Hollywood thinks this marriage will last—well, for some time.

On September 23, Mickey Rooney, former child star, will be 31, old enough to know what's right and he says this marriage is right. Let's hope so.

## WHY 200,000 FLED

(Continued from Page 4)

"I have been a Socialist ever since I can remember," she told me, "and so were my father and grandfather. I could tell them a thing or two about their taxes. They were infatuated with the new term for Communist indoctrination. I should only have lost my temper. They are worse exploiters even than the Nazis were. So I thought I had better go while the going is good."

A few of them had to escape from immediate personal danger. But most of them are just frightened little people, men and women who would have been only too content with a normal, hard-working life; people who don't care about politics or about—isms of any kind.

No fighters most of them, no heroes, no torch-bearers of liberty. Just ordinary people with their ordinary share of human weaknesses and human decency, pathetically longing to escape from the spider's web in which they felt themselves as helpless, lost, caught as so many little flies.

West. The details of their stories differ. The pattern is nearly always the same. They were in their thousands because their nerves had been shattered by a regime which never left them alone, which seemed to watch them with a thousand eyes, which made lying and pretence an everyday necessity and a show of unqualified approval a condition of survival. Even the miserable existence of a refugee seemed preferable to a life under these unceasing pressures.

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## ON HEDDA HOPPER

# Her Pen Spills Gossip Dynamite

By KEN SMITH

There is something unkind about a woman who tells you Sam Goldwyn used to be Sam Goldfish.

Even Gable's ears are unlikely to be held sacred by her.

"Clark looked every inch the truck driver. His ears hadn't been permanently fixed then. The make-up man contrived, with a bit of putty behind them, to stick them closer to his head. At times an ear would flap loose during a scene. He never smiled much until his bad teeth were taken care of."

Laconic revelations like this are Hedda Hopper's bread and butter.

Using her pen as a flame-thrower, she has blazed her way through a forest of charred friendships to share the title of Hollywood's gossip-columnist No. 1 with the faded Louella Parsons.

Today, via her autobiography, "From Under My Hat" (published by Frederick Muller at 12s. 6d.), she stands in for Ken Smith. Anyone who gets singled has been warned.

Hedda got off to a bad start as a kid when she bathed her granddad's sore eye and he only gave her a dollar. "The incident coloured most of my life," she says simply.

She had an old horse. "I loved that horse. We understood each other. We understood each other. An insensitive father had the quipped converted into glue, and the child's cup of bitterness ran over.

Faust only to ride the till in Dad's butcher's shop, Hedda made for the bright light. From around 1912 she played feature parts in films and stage shows until, in the middle thirties, she became a columnist.

### FIRST WITH SPICE

Now ageing, but by no means mellow, she still grubs a handsome living out of being first with spicy tidbits from the air-conditioned nightmare which is Hollywood.

Subtle? Well: "Nobody paid much attention to Joan Fontaine, so when she came to her big scene she took direction, was natural, and didn't over-act. Not until she was acclaimed for her performance in Rebecca did she start doing the latter, and since then she's never stopped humming."

Discreet? Well: "H. G. Wells proceeded in detail to tell me what a sublime lover he was. He named his mistresses and told me how many illegitimate children he had. Wells added that the children loved him more than their mothers. Each year they all came to his house to celebrate the Yuletide."

FEUDS ARE LEGION Her feuds are legion. She has never forgiven Ingrid Bergman for denying that she was about to have a baby by Roberto Rossellini while still married to Peter Lindstrom—and then admitting it but only to Louella Parsons.

Hedda knew Hollywood in the days of Swanson and Garbo. She recalls the way New York theatres would lower the curtain if Gloria Swanson came in halfway through the first act—so the audience could get a good look at her!

Hedda quotes the story of the man, infatuated with Greta Garbo, who built a fabulously extravagant suite of rooms for the star. The black marble bathroom alone cost 15,000 dollars. Confronted with the exotic hygienic arrangements, Garbo "put her slender beautiful hands over her eyes and

murmured: "The marble—it is too shiny..." Hedda tells of Poin Negri leaving her house in deep mourning for Rudolph Valentino's funeral, pale-faced and grief-stricken, then going back to do the exit again when a cameraman shouted to her that the light on her face hadn't been too good.

Hedda Hopper is a notable sufferer from the occupational disease of all columnists—the unconquerable desire to give the game away.

Remember the magnificent stampede of wild animals in the film (the modern version) King Solomon's Mines? Well, Hopper tells us that the wild animals were mostly denizens painted over with zebra stripes.

Her comment? "It's not the first time a bunch of asses saved a picture."

Even about her professed friends Hedda Hopper feels she must be rigidly honest. Marlene Dietrich she adores, but she doesn't fail to mention that when Dietrich first came to Hollywood:

"She looked more like a German hausfrau than a glamour queen. Her clothes were almost as funny as some I'd seen before leaving Altoona; only Marlene's cost more was a mob."

With those she doesn't profess to like she is more to the point. Of Paulette Goddard's talent she says:

"When she has on all her diamonds Paulette outshines the lot..."

MOUTHS FLEW OPEN Once, Hedda and Louella, rival Dames Rumour of the celluloid Sahara, decided to make peace. Naturally they did it in public.

"I was there early at the No. 1 table. When Louella came in and sat down there, mouths flew open and stayed that way. Every table seemed to need a telephone to talk to friends. Around the bar was a mob of deep. In answer to telephone calls, more arrived every minute. Nobody moved. No one knew what to do..."

Versailles Peace Treaty pales into insignificance. Comfortably accommodated in her glass house, Hedda Hopper is taking pot-shots all the time. She gets her bulls' eyes—but she smoothes the target first.

## THE HONG KONG JOCKEY CLUB

TWELFTH RACE MEETING 1952/53.

Saturday, 18th April, 1953.

(Held under the Rules of The Hong Kong Jockey Club)

The programme will consist of 10 races. The First Bell will be rung at 1.30 p.m. and the First Race run at 2 p.m.

Through Tickets (10 Races—\$20.00) also tickets at \$2.00 each for the Special Cash Sweep on the "Hong Kong Derby" scheduled to be run on 2nd May, 1953, may be obtained at the Cash Sweep Office of the Club at Queen's Building, Ground Floor, Chater Road.

Through Tickets reserved for this meeting but not paid for by 10 a.m. on Friday, 17th April, will be sold and the reservation cancelled for future meetings.

THERE WILL BE NO SPECIAL CASH SWEEP ON THE LAST RACE.

To avoid congestion at the Cash Sweep Office at Queen's Building, sweep tickets may also be purchased at the Club's Branch Offices at:—

5 D'Agular Street, Hong Kong

or

382 Nathan Road, Kowloon

### TOTALISATOR

The attention of Totalisator Investors is drawn to the following rules:

Dividends will be paid on the winning and placed ponies so declared by the Stewards when the "ALL CLEAR" is given. The "ALL CLEAR" signal will be indicated by a white light at the Totalisator Tower. BACKERS ARE ADVISED NOT TO DESTROY OR THROW AWAY THEIR TICKETS UNTIL AFTER THE "ALL CLEAR" SIGNAL HAS BEEN EXHIBITED.

Totalisator Tickets should be examined and checked before leaving the Selling Counters as mistakes of any description cannot be rectified later.

Cash received in respect of Dividends should be checked before leaving the Pay-Out Counters as no claim for short payment of the value of tickets presented can be entertained once investors have left the Counters.

All winning tickets and tickets for refunds must be presented for payment at the Race Course on the day to which they refer, but none will be paid later than one hour after the time for which the last race of the day has been scheduled to be run.

In no circumstances will any Dividends be paid or refunds made unless a ticket is produced. Payment WILL NOT be made on torn or disfigured tickets.

### MEMBERS' BADGES AND ENCLOSURE

Members and guests are reminded that they and their ladies MUST wear their badges prominently displayed throughout the Meeting.

NO ONE WITHOUT A BADGE WILL BE ADMITTED TO THE MEMBERS' ENCLOSURE.

Badges admitting ladies not in possession of Brooches and gentlemen, non-members of the Club, to the Members' Enclosure and the Club Rooms at \$10.00 including tax, for ladies or gentlemen are obtainable through the Secretary at Alexandra House, on the written or personal introduction of a Member, such member to be responsible for all visitors introduced by him, and for payment of all bills, etc.

Only a limited number of badges admitting to Members' Enclosure will be on sale at the Race Course.

The Branch Offices and the Treasurers' Comptroller Office will close at 11 a.m. and the Secretary's Office at 11.45 a.m. The Treasurers' Comptroller Office is situated at Queen's Building, Ground Floor, Chater Road, and the Secretary's Office at Alexandra House, 8th Floor.

A limited number of lifts will be obtainable at the Club House provided they are ordered in advance from the No. 1 Boy (Tel. 27818).

NO CHILDREN WILL BE ADMITTED TO THE CLUB'S PREMISES DURING THE MEETING.

### PUBLIC ENCLOSURE

The Price of admission to the Public Enclosure will be \$3.00 including tax for all persons including Ladies and will be payable at the Gate.

Any person leaving the Public Enclosure during a Meeting will forfeit his or her right of admission to the Enclosure and will be required to pay the requisite fee of \$3.00 in order to gain re-admission.

BOOKMAKERS, TIC TAC MEN, ETC., WILL NOT BE PERMITTED TO OPERATE WITHIN THE PRECINCTS OF THE HONG KONG JOCKEY CLUB.

MEALS AND REFRESHMENTS WILL BE OBTAINABLE IN THE RESTAURANT IN THE PUBLIC ENCLOSURE.

### SERVANTS' PASSES

Servants' passes will be issued to private box holders only, who are requested to distribute them with discrimination and to endorse their names on the passes. Holders of such passes are not permitted in the Members' Enclosure except for passing through on their duties and must remain in their employers' stands.

Owing to the congestion in the Members' Betting Hall and at Booths adjacent to Boxes in the Coffee Room, Box-holders, and Members are requested to ensure that their servants make use only of the Public Betting Hall. Military Police will be posted at various points in the enclosure to ensure that this regulation is adhered to.

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## MINOR UNITS HOCKEY

Latest standings in the Minor Units Hockey League are:

Team	W	L	T	Pts
1st Div	15	1	1	31
2nd Div	10	5	2	22
3rd Div	10	5	2	22
4th Div	10	5	2	22
5th Div	10	5	2	22
6th Div	10	5	2	22
7th Div	10	5	2	22
8th Div	10	5	2	22
9th Div	10	5	2	22
10th Div	10	5	2	22









# Agitation In America For Government Aid To Tramp Shipping

## P.I.-Japan Trade Prospects

Manila, Apr. 16. The Secretary of Commerce and Industry, Cornelio Balmaceda, said today that the volume of trade between the Philippines and Japan can be further increased, perhaps doubled or even more.

Mr. Balmaceda said: "Despite the fact that the Japanese peace treaty still remains to be ratified by the Senate, Japan today is the No. 2 buyer of Philippine products in the world and the No. 2 supplier of our needs, surpassed only by the United States."

He added "Japan gets easily the biggest share of Philippine overseas trade in Asia."

Mr. Balmaceda pointed out that Philippine-Japanese post-war trade began in 1947 and indicated that the possibility of increasing trade between the two countries.

Last year, he said, Philippine exports to Japan totalled more than 75,000,000 pesos and imports from Japan totalled less than 35,000,000 pesos which shows a favourable trade balance of more than 40,000,000 pesos.

Philippine-Japanese trade is going on under the barter agreement originally concluded in 1950 and which has been renewed periodically.

The Commerce Secretary said, however, that the Philippine Government is doing all it can to promote trade with Japan.

"Japan greatly desires to have a steady flow of raw materials from this country and on the other hand the Philippines is desirous of cushioning the impact of the forthcoming termination of her free trade with the United States by seeking other markets or widening those already established like those of Japan."

—United Press.

## New York Sugar Futures

New York, Apr. 16. World Number 4 sugar futures today closed 2 points lower to 1 point higher with sales totalling 413 contracts. No. 6 closed unchanged to 5 points higher with sales totalling 861 contracts.

Realising pressure and hedge selling following Wednesday's unusually sharp rise dominated dealings in the world contract with the raw market maintaining a firm tone in the meantime. Reaction buying and short covering ruled domestic futures at the close.

Contract No. 4 (world)	
May	258 nominal
July	259 bid
September	260 bid
October	262 nominal
January	270 bid
March	270 bid
Spot	260 nominal
May	358

Contract No. 6	
May	508-510
July	514-515
September	517 bid
October	520 bid
January	522 nominal
March	520
Spot	520

—United Press.

## LONDON TIN MARKET

London, Apr. 16. The tin market was very steady. Turnover was 100 tons including 15 tons for cash. Prices closed at the end of the official morning session as follows:

Spot tin, buyers ..... 730  
Spot tin, sellers ..... 730  
Business done at ..... 730  
Three-month tin, buyers ..... 725  
Three-month tin, sellers ..... 725  
Business done at ..... 725-718  
Settlement ..... 730

—United Press.

## JAPANESE BONDS

London, Apr. 16. Japanese bonds:

"A" (4% of 1899) ..... 82  
"A" (4% of 1910) ..... 73  
"C" (5% of 1907) ..... 127½  
"D" (5% of 1924) ..... 103  
"E" (5½% of 1930) ..... 100-3/10  
Consols ..... 100-3/10

—United Press.

## Seeds And Oils

New York, Apr. 16. Prices in the seeds and oils market closed unchanged with the following exceptions:

"Sun" oil in tank cars, f.o.b. New York, per lb. 20½ cents.  
"Flax" seed, per bushel, f.o.b. Minneapolis ..... 22.00  
"Soybean" oil, per bushel, f.o.b. Minneapolis ..... 22.00

—United Press.

Whatever else may be said about the newly-formed American Tramp Shipowners' Association, it is certainly an articulate and ambitious organisation, says the Liverpool Journal of Commerce.

Its latest move is to ask for a written guarantee that U.S. Government-owned vessels now in service will be returned to the "mothball fleet" as soon as they have served their present purpose with the Military Sea Transport Service.

## Big Sales Of Wheat To Britain

London, Apr. 17. While the future of the international wheat agreement is in the melting pot, abnormally big sales of Canadian wheat to Britain were disclosed today.

During the week ended April 10, Canada sold almost exactly 1,000,000 metric tons under the agreement, an unprecedented figure for a single week. It equals almost two months of Canada's export quota.

Britain, who has refused to renew the agreement at the price demanded by the exporting nations, got the lion's share, 873,000 tons.

—Reuter.

## ANALYSIS OF ASIAN ECONOMY

Manila, Apr. 16. The Philippine Central Bank Governor, Miguel Cuaderno, analysing the ills of the South-East Asian economy, said that the development of this part of the world was being stifled by the following factors:

(1) The paralyzing effects of the centuries - old colonial economy.

(2) The predominantly agrarian economy.

(3) The lack of a domestic currency.

(4) Inadequate foreign exchange coupled with trade barriers set up by the currency blocs.

(5) The "blight of invasions".

Addressing the "Town Meeting of South-East Asia," Mr. Cuaderno said that the type of economy in South-East Asia was highly vulnerable to trade developments of the outside world. The lack of foreign exchange and inadequate income, he said, limited the desire of the South-East Asian countries to diversify their economy.

"Dollars alone are not enough to enable our respective governments to implement their economic mobilisation programmes," Mr. Cuaderno said, and urged the South-East Asian countries to boost their own currencies.

—France-Press.

## The Rubber Markets

Singapore, Apr. 16. Prices of rubber futures closed today as follows:

Number 1 rubber, per lb. 67½-68½  
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